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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs

Future business

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison
David Christopherson
Brian Fitzpatrick
Sébastien Gagnon
Mark Holland
Daryl Kramp
Hon. Walt Lastewka
Hon. Shawn Murphy
Benoît Sauvageau
John Williams
Borys Wrzesnewskyj

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Marc Godbout for Gary Carr

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;

Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Walt Lastewka, Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Marc Godbout for Gary Carr.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Brian Fitzpatrick, it was agreed, — That John Williams be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Borys Wrzesnewskyj, it was agreed, — That Mark Holland be elected as Government Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Sébastien Gagnon, it was agreed, — That Benoît Sauvageau be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

John Williams took the Chair.

On motion of Walt Lastewka, it was agreed, — That the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, and a member of the other opposition party do compose the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

On motion of Borys Wrzesnewskyj, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

At 3:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3, the Sponsorship Program, Chapter 4, Advertising Activities and Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 10, 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison
Gary Carr
David Christopherson
Brian Fitzpatrick
Mark Holland
Daryl Kramp
Hon. Walt Lastewka
Hon. Shawn Murphy
Benoît Sauvageau
John Williams
Borys Wrzesnewskyj

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yves Lessard for Sébastien Gagnon Gilles-A. Perron for Benoît Sauvageau

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Brian O'Neal, Analyst;

Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada.

Parliamentary Centre:

Robert Miller, Executive Director;

Martin Ulrich, Senior Associate.

House of Commons:

Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Yves Lessard for Sébastien Gagnon and Gilles-A. Perron for Benoît Sauvageau.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada. Parliamentary Centre: Robert Miller, Executive Director; Martin Ulrich, Senior Associate. House of Commons: Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Robert Miller made a statement and answered questions.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and answered questions.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

The Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts has the honour to present its

FIRST REPORT

Your Subcommittee met on Thursday, October 21, 2004 and agreed to make the following recommendations:

That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts host a luncheon for the French Secretary of State for Government Reform, Mr. Eric Woerth, and accompanying delegation on Thursday, October 28, 2004.

That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least three (3) members are present, including a member of the opposition.

That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two (2) representatives per organization; provided that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives may be authorized by the Chair.

That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents only when they exist in both official languages and that no document from a witness be distributed without the Clerk's approval.

That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements for working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to have one staff person present at in camera meetings.

That, forty-eight (48) hours' notice be given before any substantive motion is considered by the Committee; and that the notice of motion be tabled in both official languages, filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to members before consideration is given.

That the Committee meet on Tuesday, October 26 to discuss future business and as soon as conveniently possible for the purpose of studying the Public Accounts of Canada 2004 and the Main Estimates, Vote 20, under Finance.

That the evidence and documentation presented to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts during the 3rd Session of the 37th Parliament in relation to its study of Chapter 3, the Sponsorship Program, Chapter 4, Advertising Activities and Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada be deemed received by this Commmittee in this session.

That the Fourth Report (Report of the Auditor General of Canada of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada) of the Standing Committee of Public Accounts in the 3rd session of the 37th Parliament be concurred in in this session of Parliament, and that the Chair present this as a Report to the House.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee requests a global response to this Report from the Government.

That, the Fifth Report (Legal Fees of Public servants who have been called to testify) of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts in the 3rd session of the 37th Parliament be concurred in in this session of Parliament, and that the Chair present this as a Report to the House.

That, notwithstanding Standing Order 109, the Committee requests a global response to this Report from the Government as soon as possible.

It was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the witnesses be given five (5) minutes to make their opening statements and if they have additional information, it should be deposited with the Clerk of the Committee and;

That during the questioning of witnesses the time allocated to each questioner be as follows: On the first round of questioning, eight (8) minutes to a representative of each party in the following order: Progressive Conservative, Bloc Québécois, Liberal, NDP, Progressive Conservative and Liberal; on the second round of questioning, five (5) minutes per party in the following order: Progressive Conservative, Liberal, Bloc Québécois, Liberal, Progressive Conservative and Liberal and;

That this order be re-examined at the earliest opportunity in January 2005.

At 4:42 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 3, the Sponsorship Program, Chapter 4, Advertising Activities and Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 10, 2004, privilege, powers and immunities of the House of Commons.

Rob Walsh made a statement.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in camera.

At 5:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/29 10:17 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, October 28, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 2004 referred to the Committee on October 21, 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison
Gary Carr
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick
Sébastien Gagnon
Mark Holland
Daryl Kramp
Hon. Walt Lastewka
Hon. Shawn Murphy
Benoît Sauvageau
John Williams
Borys Wrzesnewskyj

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Pat Martin for David Christopherson

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Pat Martin

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

Library of Parliament:

Brian O'Neal, Analyst;

Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Frank Vandenhoven, Principal;
Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General.

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:
Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General of Canada,
Comptrollership Branch;
John Morgan, Executive Director, Financial Management and

John Morgan, Executive Director, Financial Management and Accounting Policy Directorate.

Department of Finance:

Peter DeVries, Special Advisor, Deputy Minister's Office.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

eting No. 3

ırsday, October 28, 2004

Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, n Williams, presiding.

mbers of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien gnon, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ing Members present: Pat Martin for David Christopherson.

ociate Members present: Pat Martin.

attendance: House of Commons: Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel. Library of Parliament: Brian leal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

nesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Frank Vandenhoven, acipal; Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General. Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Charles-Antoine Stan, Comptroller General of Canada, Comptrollership Branch; John Morgan, Executive Director, Financial magement and Accounting Policy Directorate. Department of Finance: Peter DeVries, Special Advisor, Deputy histor's Office.

Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Walsh made a statement and answered questions.

4:17 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

4:22 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

suant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 44 referred to the Committee on October 21, 2004.

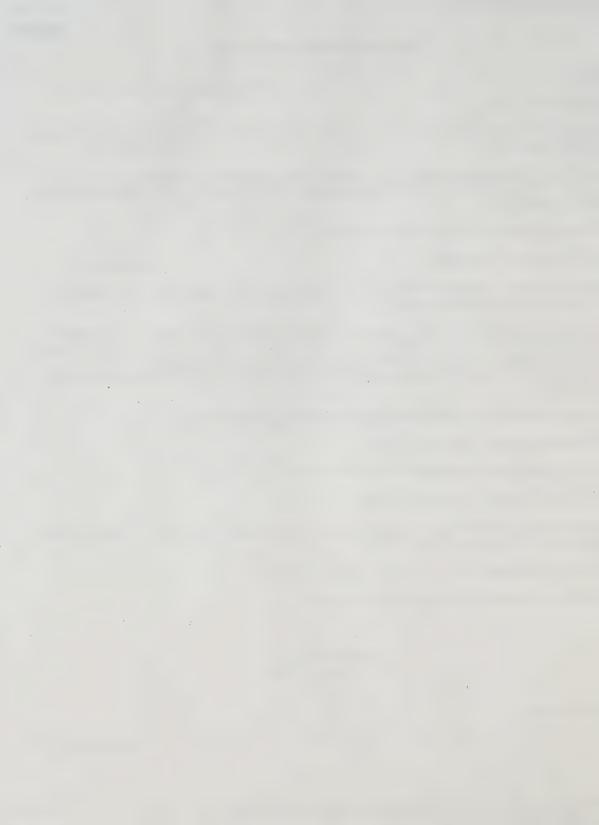
witnesses made statements and answered questions.

5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams.

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3, the Sponsorship Program, Chapter 4, Advertising Activities and Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 10, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,
Gary Carr,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Sébastien Gagnon,
Mark Holland,
Daryl Kramp,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alan Tonks for Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Derek Lee and Alan Tonks.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Catherine Beagan Flood, Counsel to the House of Commons, Commission of Inquiry into the Sponsorship Program and Advertising Activities; Guy Pratte, Counsel to Jean Pelletier, Commission of Inquiry into

the Sponsorship Program and Advertising Activities; Richard Auger, Counsel to Charles Guité, Commission of Inquiry into the Sponsorship Program and Advertising Activities.

Department of Justice:

Warren J. Newman, General Counsel, Constitutional and Administrative Law.

House of Commons:

Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Alan Tonks for Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Other Members present: Derek Lee and Alan Tonks.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: Catherine Beagan Flood, Counsel to the House of Commons, Commission of Inquiry into the Sponsorship Program and Advertising Activities; Guy Pratte, Counsel to Jean Pelletier, Commission of Inquiry into the Sponsorship Program and Advertising Activities; Richard Auger, Counsel to Charles Guité, Commission of Inquiry into the Sponsorship Program and Advertising Activities. Department of Justice: Warren J. Newman, General Counsel, Constitutional and Administrative Law. House of Commons: Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3, the Sponsorship Program, Chapter 4, Advertising Activities and Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 10, 2004, privilege, powers and immunities of the House of Commons

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/03 10:27 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams.

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, November 4, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3, the Sponsorship Program, Chapter 4, Advertising Activities and Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 10, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,
Gary Carr,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mark Holland,
Daryl Kramp,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michel Guimond for Benoît Sauvageau, Derek Lee for Hon. Shawn Murphy, and Louise Thibault for Sébastien Gagnon.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

House of Commons:
Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 5

Thursday, November 4, 2004

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Michel Guimond for Benoît Sauvageau, Derek Lee for Hon. Shawn Murphy and Louise Thibault for Sébastien Gagnon.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst. House of Commons: Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That a letter of invitation be issued to Mr. Francis Beukman, Chair of the South African Public Accounts Committee to visit Ottawa, Canada in order to meet with the members and staff of the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee during the week of November 21 to 27, 2004.

The Chair presented the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, November 1st, 2004, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. That the Committee pursue as its work the following issues:
- a) Regular business of the Committee;
- b) Governance;
- c) Privilege;
- d) Sponsorship matters.
- 2. That the schedule for November 2004 be as follows:

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), Chapter 3, the Sponsorship Program, Chapter 4, Advertising Activities and Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 10, 2004, and privilege, powers

and immunities of the House of Commons.

Thursday, November 4, 2004

Consideration of Reports:

- a) Second Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure;
- b) Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), Chapter 3, the Sponsorship Program, Chapter 4, Advertising Activities and Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 10, 2004, and privilege, powers and immunities of the House of Commons (continuation).

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Briefing by Analyst and Law Clerk regarding the Sponsorship Inquiry.

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Main Estimates - Vote 20 under Finance, Office of the Auditor General.

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

Lock-up for the Auditor General's Report (no Committee meeting) Room 237-C, Centre Block.

Thursday, November 25, 2004

Auditor General's Report 2004.

It was agreed, — That the report be amended by adding after the words: "Main Estimates - Vote 20 under Finance, Office of the Auditor General" the following: "Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005".

It was agreed, — That the report, as amended, be adopted.

At 3:42 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:49 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3, the Sponsorship Program, Chapter 4, Advertising Activities and Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 10, 2004, and privilege, powers and immunities of the House of Commons.

By unanimous consent and on the following recorded division: YEAS: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Michel Guimond, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Walt Lastewka, Louise Thibault, Borys Wrzesnewskyj - 10; NAYS: - 0, it was agreed:

That the Chair present the following resolution to the House at the earliest opportunity:

Given that, in accordance with Standing Order 108(3) (g), your Committee was referred the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada by the House of Commons on February 10, 2004;

Given that, your Committee considered Chapter 3, the Sponsorship Program, Chapter 4, Advertising Activities and Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the same Report;

Given the principle of parliamentary privilege as enshrined in Section 9 of the Bill of Rights of 1689, Section 18 of the Constitution Act 1867, and Section 4 of the Parliament of Canada Act;

Given that witnesses who appeared before the Committee were given assurances that any proceedings would be protected by parliamentary privilege, thereby prohibiting the use of testimony in any proceeding outside of the House of Commons;

And given that the Commissioner of the Commission of Inquiry into the Sponsorship Program and Advertising Activities of the Government of Canada has requested that counsel for the House of Commons seek the views of the House of Commons concerning the application and waiver of privilege afforded to those witnesses who testified before the Public Accounts Committee in connection with Chapters 3, 4, and 5 of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada;

That the privileges, powers and immunities of the House of Commons, as provided by section 18 of the Constitution Act, 1867 and section 4 of the Parliament of Canada Act, include freedom of speech and debate as set out, among other places, in Article 9 of the Bill of Rights, 1689, which provides "that the freedom of speech and debates or proceedings in Parliament, ought not to be impeached or questioned in any court or place out of Parliament":

That this privilege prohibits, in a court of law or other proceeding, the tendering or receipt of evidence by way of direct evidence, cross-examination or submissions, of questions asked or statements, submissions or comments made in a parliamentary proceeding;

That the privileges of the House of Commons and its Members extend to Committees of the House and anyone who participates in proceedings before such Committees;

That the House of Commons will not insist on this privilege for the purpose of prosecuting perjury; And whereas the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), inquired into Chapter 3, the Sponsorship Program, Chapter 4, Advertising Activities and Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada at hearings commencing February 17, 2004;

That by Order in Council a Commission of Inquiry was established pursuant to the Inquiries Act to investigate and report on questions raised, directly or indirectly, by Chapters 3 and 4 of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General to the House of Commons with regard to the sponsorship program and advertising activities of the Government of Canada;

That some former and present Members of the House of Commons may appear before the Commission of Inquiry;

That a number of witnesses who appeared before the Public Accounts Committee may also appear before the Commission of Inquiry;

That witnesses before the Public Accounts Committee were given assurances that their testimony and

submissions would be protected by the privileges of the House of Commons;

That the Commissioner of the Commission of Inquiry has asked the House to consider whether transcripts of the hearings before the Public Accounts Committee may be received in evidence if a witness makes a sworn statement before the Commission of Inquiry that is inconsistent with a statement previously made by that witness before the Public Accounts Committee;

That by virtue of section 5 of the Parliament of Canada Act, these privileges are part of the general and public law of Canada and need not be pleaded and they are to be taken notice of judicially;

That the House of Commons' privilege of freedom of speech and debate precludes receipt of such transcripts by any other proceeding, including a commission of inquiry, for such purposes;

That the proceedings and all evidence, submissions and testimony by all persons participating in the proceedings of the Public Accounts Committee continue to be protected by all the privileges and immunities of this House.

And that the question of any further or other consideration of these privileges as they apply to the Commission of Inquiry, or generally, be referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, with the following order of reference:

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs consider the question of whether or not and in what circumstances it may be possible for the House of Commons to waive its privileges under Article 9 of the Bill of Rights 1689, including review of:

- a) the circumstances which led to this reference;
- b) the views of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts;
- c) the position in Canada;
- d) the position in the Commonwealth; and
- e) such other considerations as it deems appropriate

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/05 3:43 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee on

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

IN CAMERA



eting No. 6

sday, November 16, 2004

Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the e-Chair, Mark Holland, presiding.

mbers of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien gnon, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau and Borys zesnewskyj.

uttendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

nesses: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst. House of Commons: Gregory di, Senior Legal Counsel, Legal Services.

vas agreed, — That the budget of \$1000 be approved for hospitality purposes of this Committee.

vas agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts host a luncheon on Thursday, November 25, 4 for the Chair and Members of the Public Accounts Committee of South Africa.

suant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 3, the Sponsorship or am, Chapter 4, Advertising Activities and Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the vember 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 10, 2004.

e witnesses made statements and answered questions.

5:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, November 18, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Vote 20 under FINANCE referred to the Committee on Friday, October 8, 2004

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2004-2005: Vote 20a under FINANCE referred to the Committee on Thursday, November 4, 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison Gary Carr Brian Fitzpatrick Sébastien Gagnon Mark Holland Hon. Walt Lastewka

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rob Anders for Daryl Kramp Joe Comartin for David Christopherson Derek Lee for Borys Wrzesnewskyj and Louise Thibault for Benoît Sauvageau

IN ATTENDANCE:

Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

Brian O'Neal.

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
John Wiersema, Deputy Auditor General;
Richard Smith, Assistant Auditor General;
Mary Clennett, Comptroller.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

eting No. 7

rsday, November 18, 2004

Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Vice-Chair, k Holland, presiding.

nbers of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland Hon. Walt Lastewka.

ng Members present: Rob Anders for Daryl Kramp, Joe Comartin for David Christopherson, Derek Lee for ys Wrzesnewskyj and Louise Thibault for Benoît Sauvageau.

ttendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, llyst.

nesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; John Wiersema, auty Auditor General; Richard Smith, Assistant Auditor General; Mary Clennett, Comptroller.

suant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Vote under FINANCE referred to the Committee on Friday, October 8, 2004.

suant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 4-2005: Vote 20a under FINANCE referred to the Committee on Thursday, November 4, 2004.

Chair calls Votes 20 and 20a under FINANCE.

witnesses made statements and answered questions.

e 20 under FINANCE carried.

DERED, — That the Chair report Vote 20, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under FINANCE to the use.

as agreed, — That the Committee defer the vote on Vote 20a under FINANCE until such time as the Committee heard from the President of the Treasury Board.

5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

4/11/19 11:11 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams.

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, November 25, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the November 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on Tuesday, November 23, 2004.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2004-2005: Vote 20a under FINANCE referred to the Committee on Thursday, November 4, 2004.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland, Benoît Sauvageau and John Williams.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rob Anders for Daryl Kramp, Rodger Cuzner for Hon. Shawn Murphy, Russ Powers for Hon. Walt Lastewka, and Alan Tonks for Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

DELEGATION:

Parliament of South Africa:

Francois Beukman, Member of Parliament and Chairperson; Ronald Mofokeng, Member of Parliament; Louisa Mabe, Member of Parliament; Edward Trent, Member of Parliament.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

eting No. 8

rsday, November 25, 2004

Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre ck, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

nbers of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien onn, Mark Holland, Benoît Sauvageau and John Williams.

ing Members present: Rob Anders for Daryl Kramp, Rodger Cuzner for Hon. Shawn Murphy, Russ Powers for I. Walt Lastewka and Alan Tonks for Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

egation: Parliament of South Africa: François Beukman, Member of Parliament and Chairperson; Ronald fokeng, Member of Parliament; Louisa Mabe, Member of Parliament; Edward Trent, Member of Parliament.

suant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the November 2004 Report of the litor General of Canada referred to the Committee on Tuesday, November 23, 2004.

ila Fraser made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

1:53 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Supplementary mates (A) 2004-2005: Vote 20a under FINANCE referred to the Committee on Thursday, November 4, 2004.

e 20a under FINANCE carried.

DERED, — That the Chair report Vote 20a under FINANCE to the House.

1:54 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

1:55 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Chair presented the Third Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

ir Subcommittee met on Wednesday, November 24, 2004, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed take the following recommendations:

hat the draft report on Sponsorship prepared by the researchers during the last Parliament be circulated to nmittee members for their consideration with a view to tabling a report;

'hat the Committee undertake a study into Governance and Accountability within the Federal Public Service, with emphasis on ministerial and deputy ministerial accountability;

'hat the Committee move to adopt the Supplementary Estimates during its meeting of Thursday, November 25, 4 and that the decision to call the President of the Treasury Board regarding the lack of response to the Auditor neral's request for temporary funding and for a methodology to deal with permanent funding be made at a later

- 4. That four (4) Committee members, one from each party, travel to Brisbane Australia to attend the 2005 Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees (ACPAC), as well as to Canberra Australia to further the Committee's investigation into accountability and governance within the Federal Public Service, from January 31 February 9, 2005 and that the necessary staff accompany the Committee;
- 5. That a travel budget of \$109,700.00 be approved by the Committee in relation to the trip to Australia, and that the Chair be instructed to present the travel budget to the Liaison Committee for its consideration at the earliest opportunity;
- 6. That the Committee begin a study into the following Chapters of the November 2004 Report of the Auditor General:
- Chapter 1 Internal Audit in Departments and Agencies (as part of its study of Governance and Accountability within the Public Service):
- Chapter 4 Management of Federal Drug Benefit Programs;
- Chapter 5 Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Education Program and Post-Secondary Student Support.
- It was agreed, That the Third Report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.
- At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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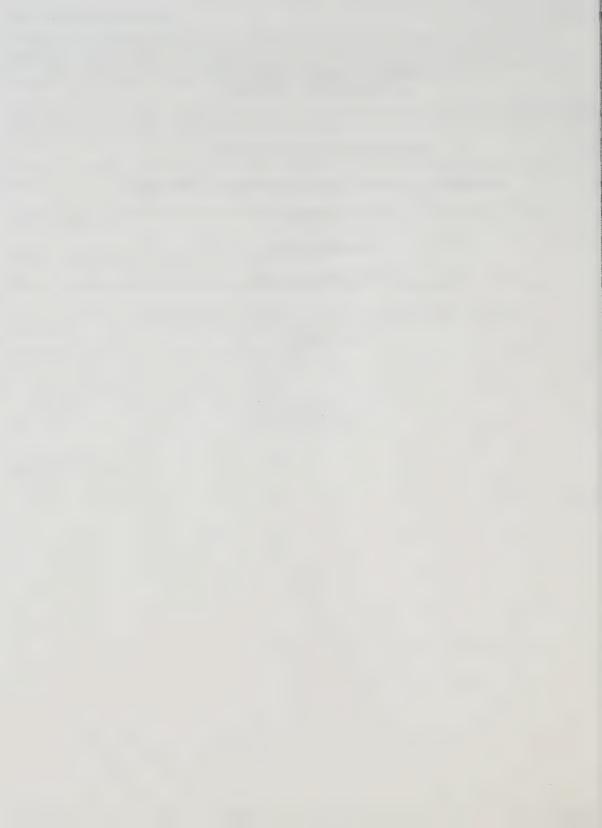
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, November 30, 2004

IN CAMERA



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day, November 30, 2004

Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, Chair, John Williams, presiding.

ibers of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien non, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau and John iams.

ng Members present: Navdeep Bains for Borys Wrzesnewskyj and Alan Tonks for Hon. Shawn Murphy.

tendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, lyst.

Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

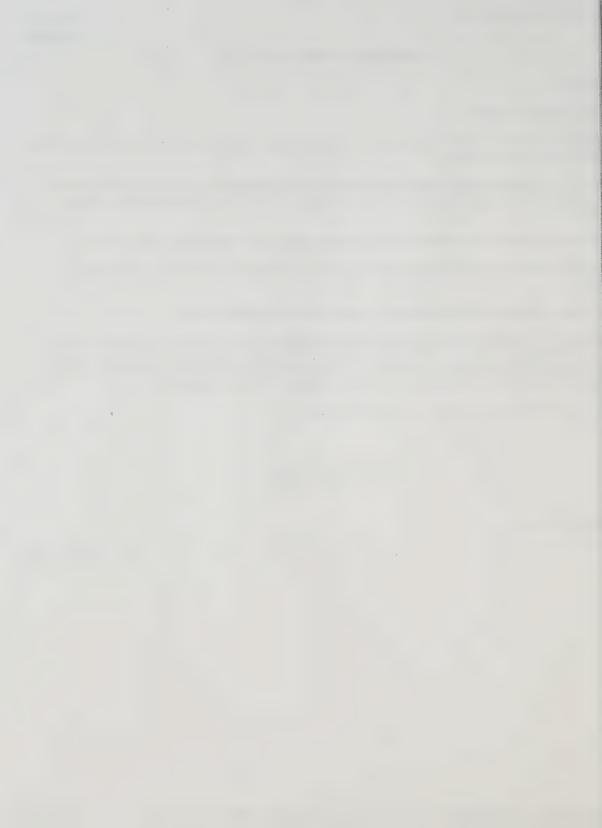
as agreed, — That the Committee make the necessary arrangements to hold a meeting on Thursday, December 2, and on Tuesday, December 7, 2004, inviting witnesses to form 2 panel discussions from Minister Gagliano's Charles Guité's office respectively, in connection with its study on Governance and Accountability within the ral Public Service, with an emphasis on ministerial and deputy ministerial accountability.

:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, December 2, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Governance and Accountability within the Federal Public Service, with an emphasis on ministerial and deputy ministerial accountability

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison
Gary Carr
David Christopherson
Brian Fitzpatrick
Sébastien Gagnon
Mark Holland
Hon. Walt Lastewka
Benoît Sauvageau
John Williams

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Rob Anders for Daryl Kramp

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

House of Commons: Gregory Tardi, Senior Legal Counsel.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Joanne Bouvier, Former Special Assistant in Minister Gagliano's Office, Department of Public Works and Government Services;

Ghislaine Ippersiel, Former Special Assistant in Minister Gagliano's Office, Department of Public Works and Government Services;

Patrick Lebrun, Former Special Assistant in Minister Gagliano's Office, Department of Public Works and Government Services.

ing No. 10

sday, December 2, 2004

Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre k, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

bers of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien 10n, Mark Holland, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Benoît Sauvageau and John Williams.

ig Members present: Rob Anders for Daryl Kramp.

tendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, yst. House of Commons: Gregory Tardi, Senior Legal Counsel.

esses: As Individuals: Joanne Bouvier, Former Special Assistant in Minister Gagliano's Office, Department of ic Works and Government Services; Ghislaine Ippersiel, Former Special Assistant in Minister Gagliano's Office, artment of Public Works and Government Services; Patrick Lebrun, Former Special Assistant in Minister iano's Office, Department of Public Works and Government Services.

uant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Governance and Accountability in the Federal Public Service, with an emphasis on ministerial and deputy ministerial accountability.

as agreed, — That witnesses appearing in connection with this study be sworn in.

witnesses made statements and answered questions.

:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Governance and Accountability within the Federal Public Service, with an emphasis on ministerial and deputy ministerial accountability.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 2004 referred to the Committee on October 21, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,
Gary Carr,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Sébastien Gagnon,
Mark Holland,
Daryl Kramp,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Jean-Yves Roy for Benoît Sauvageau.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Mario Parent, Former Coordinator, Advertising Program, APORS and CCSB, Department of Public Works and Government Services Canada;

Huguette Tremblay, Former Chief, Special Projects, CCSB, Department of Public Works and Government Services Canada.



Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:58 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Jean-Yves Roy for Benoît Sauvageau.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: Mario Parent, Former Coordinator, Advertising Program, APORS and CCSB, Department of Public Works and Government Services Canada; Huguette Tremblay, Former Chief, Special Projects, CCSB, Department of Public Works and Government Services Canada.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk be instructed to write a letter in response to the letter sent to the Chair by the Government House Leader concerning the pre-appointment review of the position of Auditor General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Governance and Accountability within the Federal Public Service, with an emphasis on ministerial and deputy ministerial accountability.

Pursuant to the motion adopted on December 2, 2004, the witnesses were sworn in.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

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At 5:17 p.m., the sitting resumed in-camera.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 2004 referred to the Committee on October 21, 2004.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, December 9, 2004

IN CAMERA



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sday, December 9, 2004

Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the r, John Williams, presiding.

bers of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien non, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Benoît Sauvageau and John Williams.

ng Members present: Derek Lee for Hon. Shawn Murphy, John Maloney for Hon. Walt Lastewka and Pat Martin David Christopherson.

tendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, yst.

uant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 2004 red to the Committee on October 21, 2004.

Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams.

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Governance and Accountability within the Federal Public Service, with an emphasis on ministerial and deputy ministerial accountability.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 2004 referred to the Committee on October 21, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,
Gary Carr,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Sébastien Gagnon,
Mark Holland,
Daryl Kramp,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau
and John Williams.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Louis Plamondon for Sébastien Gagnon, and Russ Powers for Hon. Walt Lastewka.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.
House of Commons:
Gregory Tardi, Senior Legal Counsel.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

C.E.S. Franks, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Queen's University.



Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau and John Williams.

Acting Members present: Louis Plamondon for Sébastien Gagnon and Russ Powers for Hon. Walt Lastewka.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst. House of Commons: Gregory Tardi, Senior Legal Counsel.

Witnesses: As an Individual: C.E.S. Franks, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Queen's University.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Governance and Accountability within the Federal Public Service, with an emphasis on ministerial and deputy ministerial accountability.

Professor Franks made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:23 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:25 p.m., the sitting resumed in-camera.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 2004 referred to the Committee on October 21, 2004.

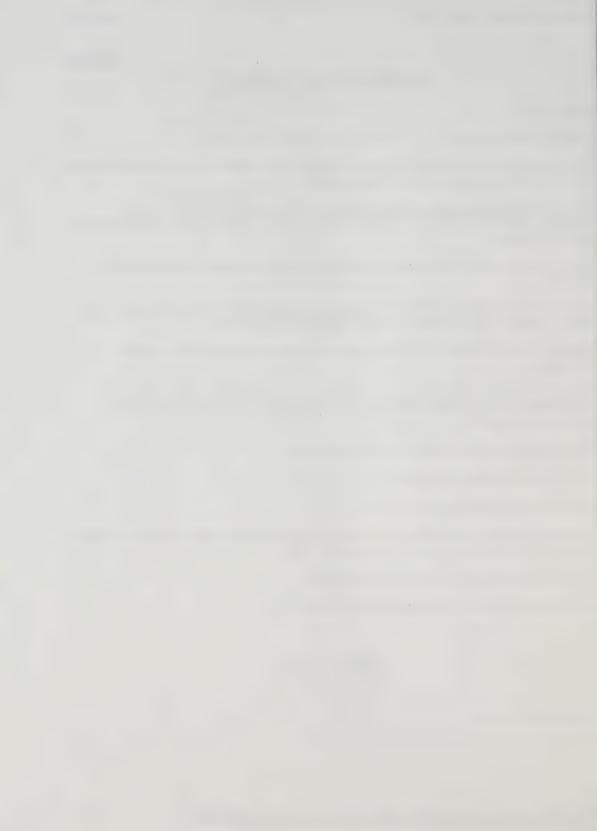
The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 14

Monday, January 31, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 5, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada - Education Program and Post-Secondary Student Support of the November 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on Thursday, November 23, 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison
Gary Carr
David Christopherson
Brian Fitzpatrick
Mark Holland
Daryl Kramp
Hon. Shawn Murphy
Benoît Sauvageau
John Williams
Borys Wrzesnewskyj

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bernard Cleary for Sébastien Gagnon

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst.



WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Jerome Berthelette, Principal;
Ronald Campbell, Assistant Auditor General;
André Côté, Director.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Michael Horgan, Deputy Minister;

Line Paré, Director General, Education Branch;

Michel Smith, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-economic Policy and Programs Sector.



Meeting No. 14

Monday, January 31, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyi.

Acting Members present: Bernard Cleary for Sébastien Gagnon.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Ronald Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; Jerome Berthelette, Principal; André Côté, Director. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Michael Horgan, Deputy Minister; Michel Smith, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-economic Policy and Programs Sector; Line Paré, Director General, Education Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 5, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada - Education Program and Post-Secondary Student Support of the November 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on Thursday, November 23, 2004.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 15

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 4, Management of Federal Drug Benefit Programs of the 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on November 23, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Sébastien Gagnon,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rob Anders for Daryl Kramp, Jeremy Harrison for Brian Fitzpatrick, Jeremy Harrison for Daryl Kramp, and Hon. Robert Thibault for Gary Carr.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Ronald Campbell, Assistant Auditor General;
Frank Barrett, Director.

Department of Health:

Hélène Gosselin, Associate Deputy Minister; Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Leslie MacLean, Director General, Non-Insured Health Benefits

Leslie MacLean, Director General, Non-Insured Health Benefits Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Department of Veterans Affairs:

Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister; Ron Herbert, Director General, National Operations Division; Orlanda Drebit, Director, Operational Guidance and Direction Directorate.



Meeting No. 15

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for Daryl Kramp, Jeremy Harrison for Brian Fitzpatrick, Jeremy Harrison for Daryl Kramp and Hon. Robert Thibault for Gary Carr.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Ronald Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; Frank Barrett, Director. Department of Health: Hélène Gosselin, Associate Deputy Minister; Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Leslie MacLean, Director General, Non-Insured Health Benefits Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch. Department of Veterans Affairs: Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister; Ron Herbert, Director General, National Operations Division; Orlanda Drebit, Director, Operational Guidance and Direction Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 4, Management of Federal Drug Benefit Programs of the 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on November 23, 2004.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:22 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:24 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Chair presented the Fourth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Tuesday, February 1, 2005, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. That in relation to studies agreed to be undertaken by the Committee, Members be invited to submit to the Clerk the names of any witnesses pertinent to any said study.
- 2. That the Committee agree to travel to Iqaluit, Nunavut and Natuashish, Labrador during the week of May 1-6, 2005 (subject to change) to hold public hearings, and that the necessary staff accompany the Committee, with budget and itinerary details to be submitted to the Committee for its consideration at a

later date.

- 3. That the Steering Committee host a luncheon during the week of February 21, 2005 for Mr. Bernard Scemama, Head of the economic and financial comptrollership of the Department of Economy and Finance, Republic of France.
- 4. That the motion respecting the rules governing rounds of questioning as adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, October 24, 2004, meeting no. 2, be put on the agenda of the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure of this Committee.
- 5. That prior to the final adoption of any report by this Committee, the Clerk be instructed to circulate to all Members a copy of the final draft version for review and approval over the course of a 48 hour period.

It was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

By unanimous consent, on motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That the 48 hour notice provision of this Committee governing the introduction of motions be waived.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development be ordered to prepare and complete, no later than April 30, 2005:

- 1) a coherent action plan in consultation with the Office of the Auditor General, with realistic deadlines for implementation of proposed initiatives;
- 2) to address the Auditor General's observations and recommendations contained in Chapter 5 of the November 2004 Report on a point by point basis;
- 3) to present the same to the Public Accounts Committee soon thereafter.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC.

Meeting No. 16

Monday, February 7, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Chapter 1, Internal Audit in Departments and Agencies of the November 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on November 23, 2004.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 2004 referred to the Committee on October 21, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,
Gary Carr,
David Christopherson,
Sébastien Gagnon,
Mark Holland,
Daryl Kramp,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Leon E. Benoit for Brian Fitzpatrick.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General;
Bruce Sloan, Principal.

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General, Comptroller General's Office;
Basia Ruta, Assistant Comptroller General, Internal Audit Directorate, Comptroller General's Office.



Meeting No. 16

Monday, February 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyi.

Acting Members present: Leon E. Benoit for Brian Fitzpatrick.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General; Bruce Sloan, Principal. Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General, Comptroller General's Office; Basia Ruta, Assistant Comptroller General, Internal Audit Directorate, Comptroller General's Office.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 1, Internal Audit in Departments and Agencies of the November 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on November 23, 2004.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:24 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:26 p.m., the sitting resumed in-camera.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 2004 referred to the Committee on October 21, 2004.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as the Report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

ORDERED, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk and analysts, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release following the tabling of the Report in the House.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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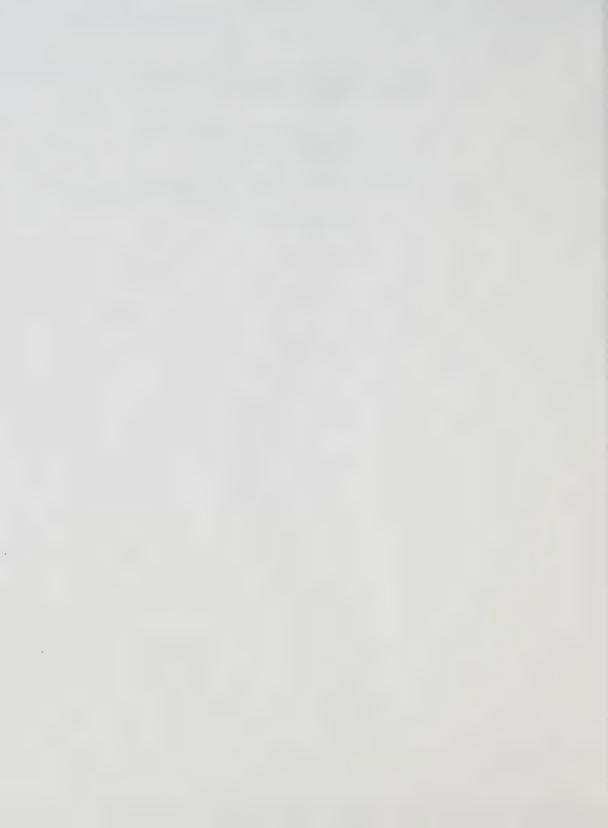
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, February 9, 2005



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tanding Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Williams, presiding.

pers of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Kramp, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

3 Members present: Christian Simard for Sébastien Gagnon.

endance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

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s agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

s agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

s agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a

rehensive response to the report.

s agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House as soon as possible following the expiry of the 48 hour e period.

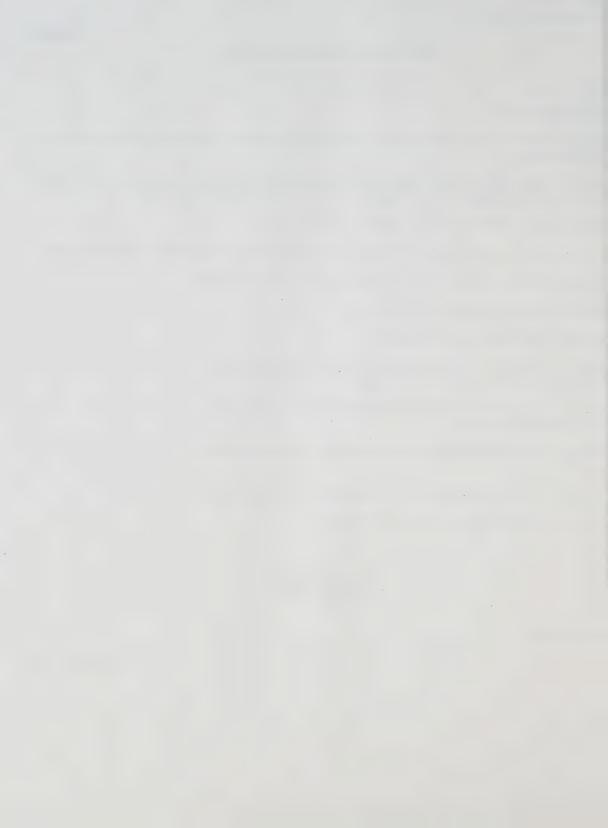
s agreed, — That the Clerk and the analysts, in consultation with the Chair, issue a press release.

20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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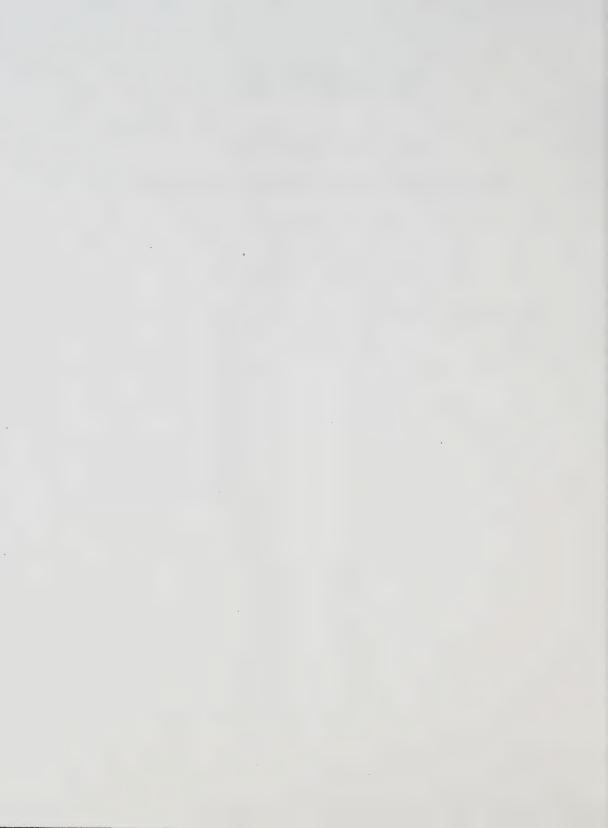


MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 18

Monday, February 14, 2005



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anding Committee on Public Accounts met in camera at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the John Williams, presiding.

ers of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland, Daryl 2, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Members present: Joe Comartin for David Christopherson and Alan Tonks for Hon. Shawn Murphy.

endance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

ant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3, the Sponsorship Program, er 4, Advertising Activities and Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 10, 2004.

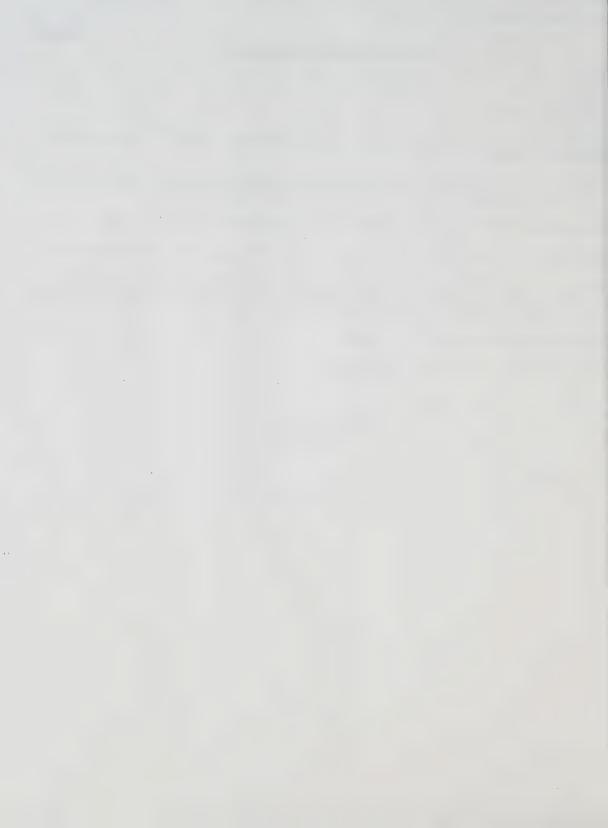
Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the February 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 16, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,
Gary Carr,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mark Holland,
Daryl Kramp,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christiane Gagnon for Sébastien Gagnon, and Judy Wasylycia-Leis for David Christopherson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Ronald Campbell, Assistant Auditor General;
Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General;
Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Christiane Gagnon for Sébastien Gagnon and Judy Wasylycia-Leis for David Christopherson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Ronald Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General; Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General.

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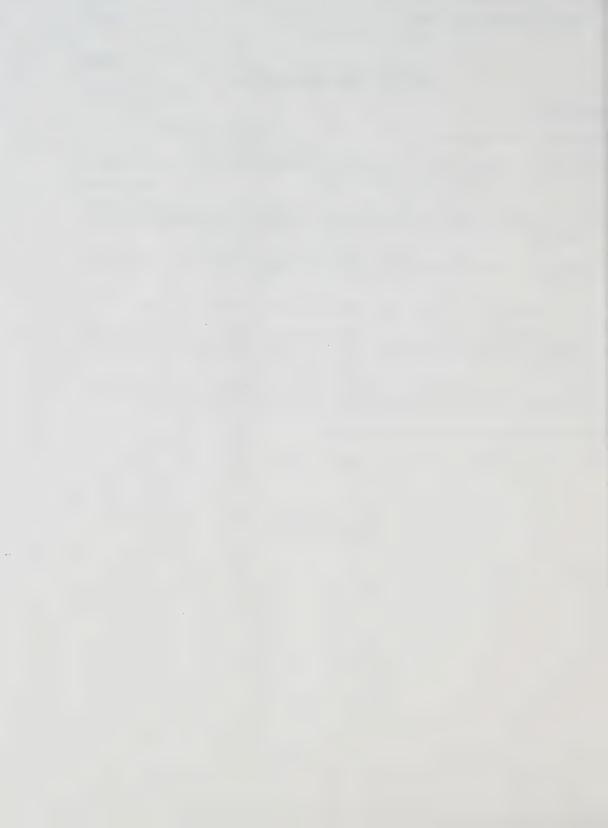
The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC.

Meeting No. 20

Thursday, February 17, 2005





Meeting No. 20

Thursday, February 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 10:05 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gary Carr, Mark Holland, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for Daryl Kramp and Roger Gaudet for Sébastien Gagnon.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3, the Sponsorship Program, Chapter 4, Advertising Activities and Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 10, 2004.

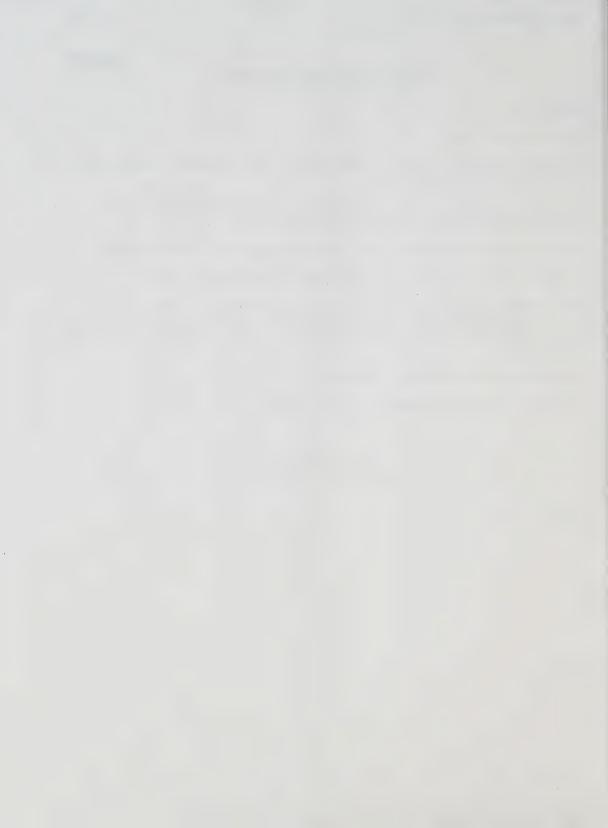
The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 21

Monday, February 21, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Governance and Accountability within the Federal Public Service, with an emphasis on ministerial and deputy ministerial accountability.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison, Gary Carr, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Walt Lastewka, Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau and John Williams.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Comartin for David Christopherson, Beth Phinney for Borys Wrzesnewskyj, and Louis Plamondon for Sébastien Gagnon.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:
Arthur Kroeger.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 21

Monday, February 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Walt Lastewka, Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau and John Williams.

Acting Members present: Joe Comartin for David Christopherson, Beth Phinney for Borys Wrzesnewskyj and Louis Plamondon for Sébastien Gagnon.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Arthur Kroeger.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Benoît Sauvageau moved, — That, given Commissioner Gomery's decision of February 10, 2005 that contracts for public opinion research and strategic advice (Chapter 5 of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General) would not be examined by the Gomery Commission (pages 12788 and 12789 of the evidence), the Standing Committee on Public Accounts undertake to investigate and report on the matter of research and advice contracts awarded..

Mark Holland moved, — That the motion be referred to the Steering Committee for further discussion.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Benoît Sauvageau, — That, given Commissioner Gomery's decision of February 10, 2005 that contracts for public opinion research and strategic advice (Chapter 5 of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General) would not be examined by the Gomery Commission (pages 12788 and 12789 of the evidence), the Standing Committee on Public Accounts undertake to investigate and report on the matter of research and advice contracts awarded..

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 3.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Governance and Accountability within the Federal Public Service, with an emphasis on ministerial and deputy ministerial accountability.

The witness made an opening statement, and answered questions.

At 5:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 22

Monday, March 7, 2005



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anding Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the John Williams, presiding.

ers of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien on, Mark Holland, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau and John Williams.

Members present: Françoise Boivin for Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

endance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst. House of Commons: Rob , Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

ommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

hair presented the Fifth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Subcommittee met on Wednesday, February 23, 2005, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to the following recommendations:

at the following Chapters of the February 2005 Status Report of the Auditor General of Canada be selected for r study:

Chapter 4 – Accountability of Foundations;

Chapter 1 – Information Technology Security;

Chapter 8 – Managing Government: Financial Information.

at the Chair of the Committee invite the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs to a joint meeting on lesday, May 4, 2005 to discuss Chapter 5 of the November 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

at the budget of \$2500.00 be approved by the Committee for hospitality purposes, and that the Chair be instructed to nt the budget to the Liaison Committee for approval.

at the Committee agree to host a working luncheon at 12h00 (noon) on Tuesday, March 22, 2005 for the delegation the Serbian National Assembly.

at the Committee agree to host a working luncheon with a delegation from China of the Budget Affairs Commission

nursday, March 17, 2005.

s agreed, — That the draft report be amended, in paragraph 5, by replacing the words "to host a working luncheon"

the following: "to meet".

s agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

uant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Governance and Accountability within dederal Public Service, with an emphasis on ministerial and deputy ministerial accountability.

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At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

At 4:55 p.m., Mark Holland took the Chair.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 23

Wednesday, March 9, 2005



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tanding Committee on Public Accounts met in camera at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Mark Holland, presiding.

ers of the Committee present: Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark nd, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Members present: Rob Anders for Dean Allison.

endance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

ant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3, the Sponsorship Program, er 4, Advertising Activities and Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 10, 2004.

committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

27 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

33 p.m., the sitting resumed.

s agreed, — That the Committee move to the next item of business on the Agenda.

Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Vice-Chair presented the Sixth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Subcommittee met on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the wing recommendation:

the members of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure meet with the Speaker-led delegation from Benin on sday, March 24, 2005 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in Room 307, West Block.

s agreed, — That the Sixth Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

02 p.m., the sitting resumed.

30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 24

Monday, March 21, 2005



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tanding Committee on Public Accounts met in camera at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the

John Williams, presiding. vers of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. n Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

g Members present: Mario Laframboise for Sébastien Gagnon, Ted Menzies for Brian Fitzpatrick and Beth Phinney on. Walt Lastewka.

endance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst. Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Chair presented the Seventh Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Subcommittee met on Monday, March 21, 2005, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the wing recommendations: at the schedule of hearings be adopted as presented, with time being allotted for the consideration of Bill C-277.

at a list of witnesses for the meeting to consider Chapter 5 of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of da be determined by the main Committee.

hat the Committee not travel to Natuashish and Goose Bay, Labrador.

hat, with respect to the Committee rules governing the rounds of questioning, the NDP be given an additional five (5) ites during the second round of questioning on a trial basis.

as agreed, — That the Seventh Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

as agreed, — That the following witnesses: the Auditor General of Canada, Allan Cutler, Warren Kinsella, Terrie

eary, Don Drummond and David Dodge be invited to appear in relation to the study of Chapter 5 of the November B Report of the Auditor General of Canada on Monday, April 11, 2005.

uant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3, the Sponsorship Program, pter 4, Advertising Activities and Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report ne Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 10, 2004.

Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

as agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as the Report to the House.

as agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a prehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House as soon as possible following the expiry of the forty-eig (48) hour notice period.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk and the analysts, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release.

At 5:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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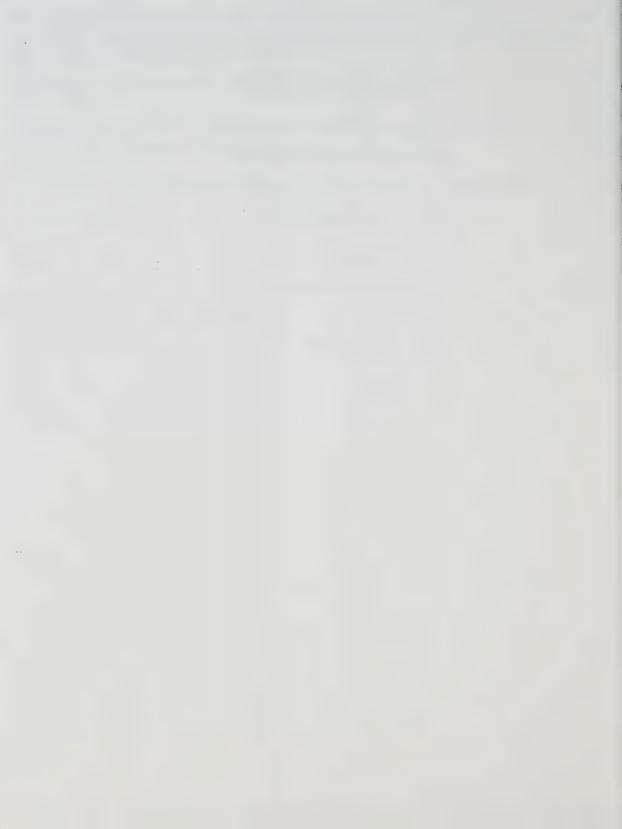
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 24

Monday, March 21, 2005





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le Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, Chair, John Williams, presiding.

tembers of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, on. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ting Members present: Mario Laframboise for Sébastien Gagnon, Ted Menzies for Brian Fitzpatrick and Beth hinney for Hon. Walt Lastewka.

attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

ne Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

ne Chair presented the Seventh Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

our Subcommittee met on Monday, March 21, 2005, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to ake the following recommendations:

That the schedule of hearings be adopted as presented, with time being allotted for the consideration of Bill C-

That a list of witnesses for the meeting to consider Chapter 5 of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor eneral of Canada be determined by the main Committee.

. That the Committee not travel to Natuashish and Goose Bay, Labrador.

. That, with respect to the Committee rules governing the rounds of questioning, the NDP be given an additional ve (5) minutes during the second round of questioning on a trial basis.

was agreed, — That the Seventh Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

was agreed, — That the following witnesses: the Auditor General of Canada, Allan Cutler, Warren Kinsella, 'errie O'Leary, Don Drummond and David Dodge be invited to appear in relation to the study of Chapter 5 of the Jovember 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada on Monday, April 11, 2005.

'ursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3, the Sponsorship rogram, Chapter 4, Advertising Activities and Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 10, 2004.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

t was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as the Report to the House.

t was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House as soon as possible following the expiry of the forty-eight (48) hour notice period.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk and the analysts, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release.

At 5:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/22 1:34 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 1, Information Technology Security of the February 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 15, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,
Gary Carr,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mark Holland,
Daryl Kramp,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau
and John Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Brian O'Neal, Analyst;

Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General;
Richard Brisebois, Principal;
Guy Dumas, Director.

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Pierre Boucher, Senior Director, Architecture, Standards and Engineering;
Helen McDonald, Chief Information Officer;
Simon Gauthier, Deputy Chief Information Officer.



Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau and John Williams.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General; Richard Brisebois, Principal; Guy Dumas, Director. Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Pierre Boucher, Senior Director, Architecture, Standards and Engineering; Helen McDonald, Chief Information Officer; Simon Gauthier, Deputy Chief Information Officer.

A question of privilege having been raised by Daryl Kramp in relation to the divulging of portions of the *in-camera* proceedings of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts of March 21, 2005 by the Honourable Member for Ajax-Pickering, the Chair ruled that the matter touched on privilege.

Daryl Kramp moved, — That in light of the comments by the Member for Ajax-Pickering, Mr. Mark Holland, in the Montreal Gazette, on page A16, on March 23, 2005, where he referred to *in-camera* proceedings of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and is quoted as saying:

"Liberal committee member Mark Holland said the Committee is being asked to examine something that has already beed cleared by the Auditor General. He said that is why he pushed for the Committee to hear from Dodge and Fraser as well as O'Leary, Cutler and Kinsella. It's an attempt to use the Committee to score some partisan points and to try to drag people who have connections to the Prime Minister in front of the Committee to hopefully find a way to embarrass them in a partisan way."

I believe the privileges of this committee have been breached or that a contempt may have occurred and I therefore ask that the Committee report to the House stating that the Committee feels that it is their duty to place these matters before the Speaker and to give the House an opportunity to reflect on these matters.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 1, Information Technology Security of the February 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 15, 2005.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 26

Monday, April 4, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Vote 20 under FINANCE referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(7), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Report on Plans and Priorities 2005-2006 of the Office of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,
Gary Carr,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Sébastien Gagnon,
Mark Holland,
Daryl Kramp,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

John Maloney for Hon. Shawn Murphy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
John Wiersema, Deputy Auditor General;
Richard Smith, Assistant Auditor General;
Robert D'Aoust, Comptroller.

The Auditor General made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.



Meeting No. 26

Monday, April 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: John Maloney for Hon. Shawn Murphy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; John Wiersema, Deputy Auditor General; Richard Smith, Assistant Auditor General; Robert D'Aoust, Comptroller.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Vote 20 under FINANCE referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(7), the Committee commenced consideration of the Report on Plans and Priorities 2005-2006 of the Office of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Chair called Vote 20 under FINANCE.

The Auditor General made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Vote 20 under FINANCE carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Vote 20 under FINANCE to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Chair seek the permission of the House to authorize the twelve (12) members of the Committee to travel to Niagara-on-the-Lake from August 21, 2005 to August 23, 2005 in relation to the Conference of the Canadian Association of Public Accounts Committees and that the necessary staff accompany the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 23 819.40, for the period of August 21, 2005 to August 23, 2005 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee for its approval at the earliest opportunity.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams.

Meeting No. 27

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison

Gary Carr

David Christopherson

Brian Fitzpatrick

Sébastien Gagnon

Mark Holland

Daryl Kramp

Hon. Walt Lastewka

Hon. Shawn Murphy

Benoît Sauvageau

John Williams

Borys Wrzesnewskyj

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Claude Bachand for Sébastien Gagnon

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada
Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General
Shahid Minto, Assistant Auditor General

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 28

Monday, April 11, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the April 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on April 5, 2005.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,
Gary Carr,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Sébastien Gagnon,
Mark Holland,
Daryl Kramp,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau
and John Williams.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Borys Wrzesnewskyj, and Hon. Paul Harold Macklin for Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General;
Shahid Minto, Assistant Auditor General.

The Auditor General made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

g No. 28

y, April 11, 2005

anding Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

ers of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien n, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau and John Williams.

Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Borys Wrzesnewskyj and Hon. Paul Harold Macklin for Borys newskyj.

ndance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

ses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Hugh McRoberts, ant Auditor General; Shahid Minto, Assistant Auditor General.

int to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the April 2005 Report of the Auditor al of Canada referred to the Committee on April 5, 2005.

uditor General made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

1 p.m., the Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Sauvageau moved, — That, in relation to its study of Chapter 5 of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor al of Canada, Terrie O'Leary, Warren Kinsella, David Herle and Peter Daniel be summoned to appear before the nittee on Monday, April 18, 2005 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Room 237-C, Centre Block.

nestion was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 1.

6 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 29

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 4, Accountability of Foundations of the February 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 15, 2005.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison
David Christopherson
Brian Fitzpatrick
Sébastien Gagnon
Mark Holland
Daryl Kramp
Hon. Walt Lastewka
Hon. Shawn Murphy
Benoît Sauvageau
John Williams
Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Brian O'Neal, Analyst Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada John Wiersema, Deputy Auditor General Tom Wileman, Principal.

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General, Comptroller General's Office
John Morgan, Executive Director, Financial Management and
Accounting Policy Directorate.

Department of Finance:

Peter DeVries, General Director, Deputy Minister's Office.



Meeting No. 29

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 4:15 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; John Wiersema, Deputy Auditor General; Tom Wileman, Principal. Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General, Comptroller General's Office; John Morgan, Executive Director, Financial Management and Accounting Policy Directorate. Department of Finance: Peter DeVries, General Director, Deputy Minister's Office.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 4, Accountability of Foundations of the February 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 15, 2005.

The witnesses made statements.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, for this meeting only, all rounds of questioning be limited to five (5) minutes.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Ninth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendation:

1. That, in relation to the letter dated April 7, 2005 from Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General of Canada, concerning waivers to the publication of details related to ex gratia payments relating to Special Benefits to Merchant Navy Veterans, heating fuel rebates and payments made to resolve claims arising from the Indian Schools System, an annual waiver be given to the Treasury Board provided that the gross amount and the total number of claims are reported to Parliament.

It was agreed, — That the Ninth Report be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Committee consider Chapters 1, 2 and 3 of the April 2005 Report of the

Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the suggested schedule of hearings until June 1, 2005 be adopted as presented.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/14 11:09 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 30

Monday, April 18, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 10, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,
Gary Carr,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Sébastien Gagnon,
Mark Holland,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau
and John Williams.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter MacKay for Daryl Kramp, and Alan Tonks for Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Adams.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst; Brian O'Neal, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Gregory Tardi, Senior Legal Counsel;

Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;

Louise Bertrand, Principal.

As Individuals:

Allan Cutler;

Peter Daniel;

David Herle;

Warren Kinsella;

Terrie O'Leary.



Meeting No. 30

Monday, April 18, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau and John Williams.

Acting Members present: Peter MacKay for Daryl Kramp and Alan Tonks for Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Other Members present: Peter Adams.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst; Brian O'Neal, Analyst. House of Commons: Gregory Tardi, Senior Legal Counsel; Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Louise Bertrand, Principal. As Individuals: Allan Cutler; Peter Daniel; David Herle; Warren Kinsella; Terrie O'Leary.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 10, 2004.

On motion of Peter MacKay, it was agreed, — That the witnesses be sworn in.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:43 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:51 p.m., the sitting resumed.

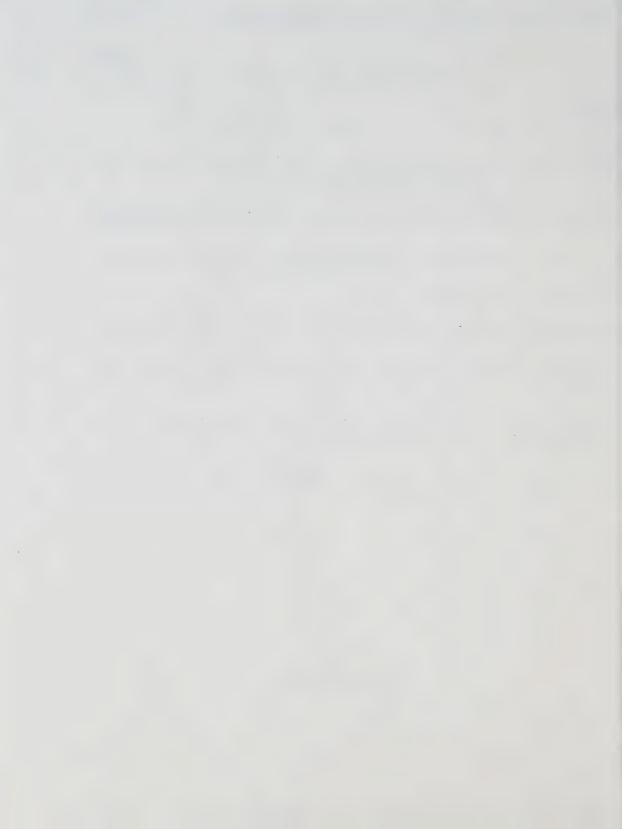
Questioning of the witnesses resumed.

At 6:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC.

Meeting No. 31

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Governance and Accountability within the Federal Public Service, with an emphasis on ministerial and deputy ministerial accountability.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Sébastien Gagnon,
Mark Holland,
Daryl Kramp,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Marlene Jennings for Gary Carr.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst.

House of Commons:
Gregory Tardi, Senior Legal Counsel.



Meeting No. 31

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Hon. Marlene Jennings for Gary Carr.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst. House of Commons: Gregory Tardi, Senior Legal Counsel.

The Chair presented the Tenth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Tuesday, April 19, 2005, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. That the Honourable Andy Scott be invited to appear before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on Wednesday, May 4, 2005, in relation to Chapter 5 of the November 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.
- 2. That Frank Schiller and Warren Kinsella be invited to appear before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to discuss issues of potential witness intimidation.

Shawn Murphy moved, — That the vote on the motion to adopt the Tenth Report be deferred until Monday, May 2, 2005.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

The question: "That the Tenth Report of the Subcommittee be concurred in" was put and was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

On motion of Shawn Murphy, it was agreed, — That the Law Clerk and the Chair be instructed to meet with Frank Schiller regarding the issue of potential witness intimidation and to then report back to the Committee to provide counsel as to the means by which the Committee should further proceed on this issue.

Benoît Sauvageau moved, — That due to the serious matter discussed in the meeting of Monday, April 18, 2005, that another meeting be scheduled with these same witnesses, or a list to be determined, within 5 sitting days of the passing of this motion.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

At 4:49 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:58 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in camera.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Governance and Accountability within the Federal Public Service, with an emphasis on ministerial and deputy ministerial accountability.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hold a meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, to further consider the draft report.

At 5:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC.

Meeting No. 32

Monday, May 2, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison
Gary Carr
David Christopherson
Brian Fitzpatrick
Sébastien Gagnon
Daryl Kramp
Hon. Walt Lastewka
Hon. Shawn Murph
Benoît Sauvageau
John Williams
Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Françoise Boivin for Mark Holland.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.
House of Commons:
Pierre Rodrigue, Committee Clerk.



Meeting No. 32

Monday, May 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Françoise Boivin for Mark Holland.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst. House of Commons: Pierre Rodrigue, Committee Clerk.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Brian Fitzpatrick moved, — That, pursuant to S.O. 108(3)(g) and Chapter 5 of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General, the Committee request all electronic and written materials exchanged between the Office of the Minister of Finance and David Herle and/or Earnscliffe for the years 1999 to 2003.

It was agreed, — That the motion be amended by replacing the year "1999" with the year "1993".

Shawn Murphy moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the year "1993" with the year "1984".

The question was put on the amendment of Shawn Murphy and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

Brian Fitzpatrick moved, — That, pursuant to S.O. 108(3)(g) and to Chapter 5 of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General, the Committee request all electronic and written materials of the Ministers office (incl. the Minister, Ms. O'Leary, Karl Littler, and others) relating to the retail debt program as well as all electronic and written materials pertaining to Groupe Everest in the Minister's Office. This should include regional offices as well, particularly Montreal.

It was agreed, — That the motion be amended by replacing the word "others" with the words "Minister Dingwall".

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

David Christopherson moved, — That in accordance with S.O. 108(3)(g) and Chapter 5 of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada, Mr. Warren Kinsella provide a copy of the

answering machine tape he referred to during his April 18, 2005 testimony.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 10; NAYS: 1.

Brian Fitzpatrick moved, — That in reference to Chapters 3, 4 and 5 of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General, which was brought to the attention of the Canadian public that there appears to be wide spread and systemic corruption at the highest levels of the Liberal Government, spanning many years, and now that this has all been revealed at the Gomery Commission, this committee report to the House that in its opinion, the government should immediately resign.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

At 4:40 p.m., Benoît Sauvageau took the Chair.

At 4:44 p.m., John Williams took the Chair.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/04 10:37 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

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eting No. 33

esday, May 3, 2005

Estanding Committee on Public Accounts met in camera at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the air, John Williams, presiding.

mbers of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien gnon, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, John Williams and Borys zesnewskyj.

ing Members present: Mario Laframboise for Benoît Sauvageau.

attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

suant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Governance and Accountability hin the Federal Public Service, with an emphasis on ministerial and deputy ministerial accountability.

e Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

vas agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as the Report to the House.

vas agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a nprehensive response to the report.

vas agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial inges as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House at the earliest opportunity following the expiry of forty-eight (48) hour revision period.

was agreed, — That the Clerk and the analysts, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release.

4:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

05/05/04 11:19 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 34

Wednesday, May 4, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 5, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada - Education Program and Post-Secondary Student Support of the November 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on Thursday, November 23, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mark Holland,
Daryl Kramp,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Françoise Boivin for Gary Carr, and Bernard Cleary for Sébastien Gagnon.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Andy Scott, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:
Paul LeBlanc, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional
Operations Support and Services;
Line Paré, Director General, Education Branch.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; André Côté, Director.



Meeting No. 34

Wednesday, May 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Françoise Boivin for Gary Carr and Bernard Cleary for Sébastien Gagnon.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Andy Scott, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Paul LeBlanc, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Operations Support and Services; Line Paré, Director General, Education Branch. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; André Côté, Director.

Daryl Kramp moved, — That, notwithstanding the motion contained in the Tenth Report of the Steering Committee inviting Frank Schiller and Warren Kinsella to appear before the Committee, that this Committee consider the matter closed and call no witnesses.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

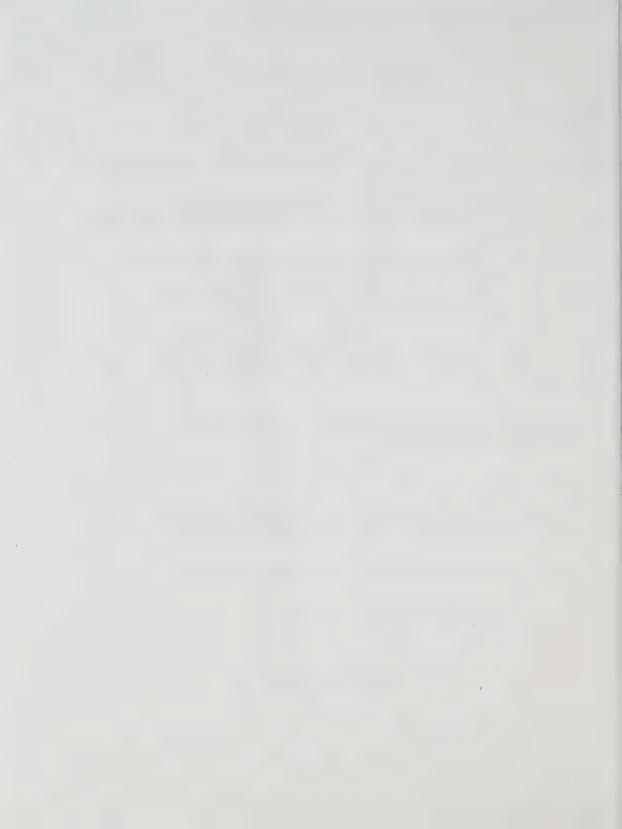
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 5, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada - Education Program and Post-Secondary Student Support of the November 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on Thursday, November 23, 2004.

The Minister and the Auditor General made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

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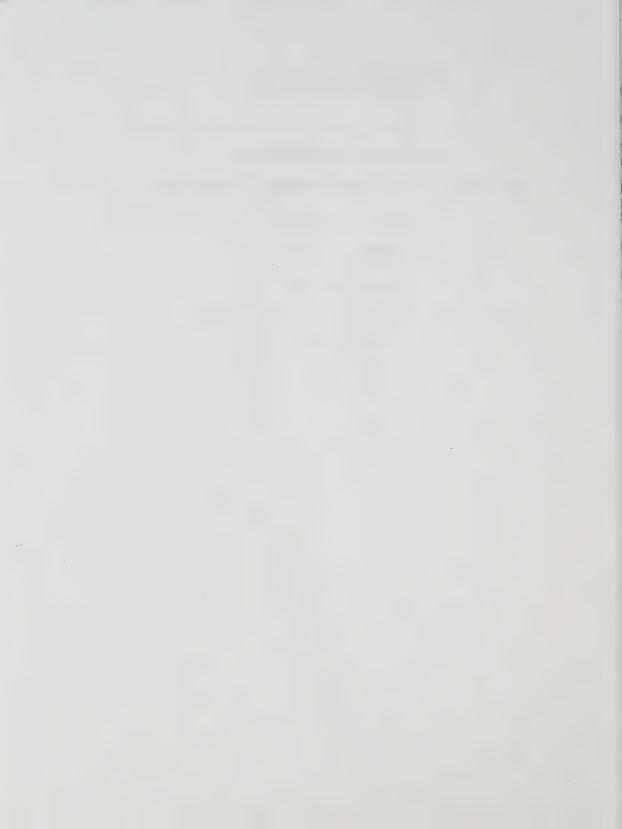


MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 35

Monday, May 9, 2005





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Ionday, May 9, 2005

he Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, e Chair, John Williams, presiding.

tembers of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien agnon, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John /illiams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

cting Members present: Alan Tonks for Gary Carr and Alan Tonks for Hon. Shawn Murphy.

attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

ursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 4, Management of Federal rug Benefit Programs of the November 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee n November 23, 2004.

he Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as the Report to the House.

was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a proper response to the report.

was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

was agreed, — That the Chair present the Report to the House at the earliest opportunity following the expiry of le forty-eight (48) hour revision period.

was agreed, — That the Clerk and analysts, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release.

he Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

was agreed, — That any party be authorized to submit a complementary report to the Committee's report on hapter 4, Management of Federal Drug Benefits Programs of the November 2004 Report of the Auditor General f Canada to the Clerk provided that:

-) the report be no longer than two (2) pages in length;
-) the report be submitted in both official languages;
-) the Report be submitted no later than forty-eight (48) hours following the adoption of this motion.

was agreed, — That, in accordance with S.O. 108(3)(g) and Chapter 5 of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada, the Committee ask that the Office of the Prime Minister provide a copy of all logs, ecords and transcripts between Mr. Paul Martin and/or the office of the Minister of Finance and the residence or ffice of Mr. Warren Kinsella that passed by the switchboard of the Prime Minister's Office between 1993 and

2003, and that all such information be made available to the members of this committee on or before May 16, 2005.

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/10 3:32 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC.

Meeting No. 36

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3, Passport Office - Passport Services of the April 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on April 5, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Mark Holland, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Shawn Murphy and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Paul Morse, Principal.

Department of Foreign Affairs:
Marie-Lucie Morin, Associate Deputy Minister, Foreign Affairs.

Passport Canada:
Doreen Steidle, Chief Executive Officer.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 36

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Vice-Chair, Mark Holland, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Mark Holland, Walt Lastewka, Shawn Murphy and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Paul Morse, Principal. Department of Foreign Affairs: Marie-Lucie Morin, Associate Deputy Minister, Foreign Affairs. Passport Canada: Doreen Steidle, Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 3, Passport Office - Passport Services of the April 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on April 5, 2005.

The witnesses made statements.

At 4:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/12 11:13 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams. CPC

Meeting No. 37

Thursday, May 12, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Chapter 2, National Security in Canada - The 2001 Anti-Terrorism Initiative: Air Transportation Security, Marine Security, and Emergency Preparedness of the April 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on April 5, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Gary Carr,
David Christopherson,
Mark Holland,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Peter Kasurak, Principal;
Edward Wood, Director.

Canadian Air Transport Security Authority:

Jacques Duchesneau, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness: Margaret Bloodworth, Deputy Minister.

Department of Transport:

Marc Grégoire, Assistant Deputy Minister, Safety and Security Group.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 37

Thursday, May 12, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 705 La Promenade Building, the Vice-Chair, Mark Holland, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Mark Holland, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Peter Kasurak, Principal; Edward Wood, Director. Canadian Air Transport Security Authority: Jacques Duchesneau, President and Chief Executive Officer. Department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness: Margaret Bloodworth, Deputy Minister. Department of Transport: Marc Grégoire, Assistant Deputy Minister, Safety and Security Group.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 2, National Security in Canada - The 2001 Anti-Terrorism Initiative: Air Transportation Security, Marine Security, and Emergency Preparedness of the April 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on April 5, 2005.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/12 11:14 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC.

Meeting No. 38

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Gary Carr David Christopherson Mark Holland Hon. Walt Lastewka Hon. Shawn Murphy Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee





Meeting No. 38

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Mark Holland, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Mark Holland, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst.

At 3:51 p.m., the Members dispersed.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/19 2:21 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC.

Meeting No. 39

Monday, May 30, 2005





Meeting No. 39

Monday, May 30, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for Daryl Kramp.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Eleventh Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Thursday, May 19, 2005, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. That the schedule as attached be adopted as the Committee's schedule for the rest of the Committee's sitting prior to the summer adjournment;
- 2. That in response to the letter of Charles-Antoine St. Jean dated April 14, 2005, a letter be sent to the Auditor General seeking her advice concerning reporting changes to the Public Accounts of Canada, and a letter be sent to the Comptroller General informing him that the Committee would be consulting the Auditor General prior to responding.

It was agreed, — That the Eleventh Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 4, Accountability of Foundations of the February 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 15, 2005.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as the Report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the Report to the House at the earliest opportunity following the expiry of the forty-eight (48) hour revision period.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release.

It was agreed, — That the Bloc Québécois be authorized to submit a supplementary opinion to the Committee's report on Chapter 4, Accountability of Foundations of the February 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Clerk provided that:

- 1) the report be no longer than two (2) pages in length;
- 2) the report be submitted in both official languages;
- 3) the Report be submitted no later than forty-eight (48) hours following the adoption of this motion.

It was moved — That, pursuant to the information submitted to this committee by Mr. Bruce Atyeo, the Standing Committee on Public Accounts request that the Auditor General of Canada conduct an audit of the Integrated Relocation Program (IRP) contracts across the Government of Canada, and report her findings to Parliament in a subsequent Report of the Auditor General.

By unanimous consent, the motion was allowed to stand.

At 4:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

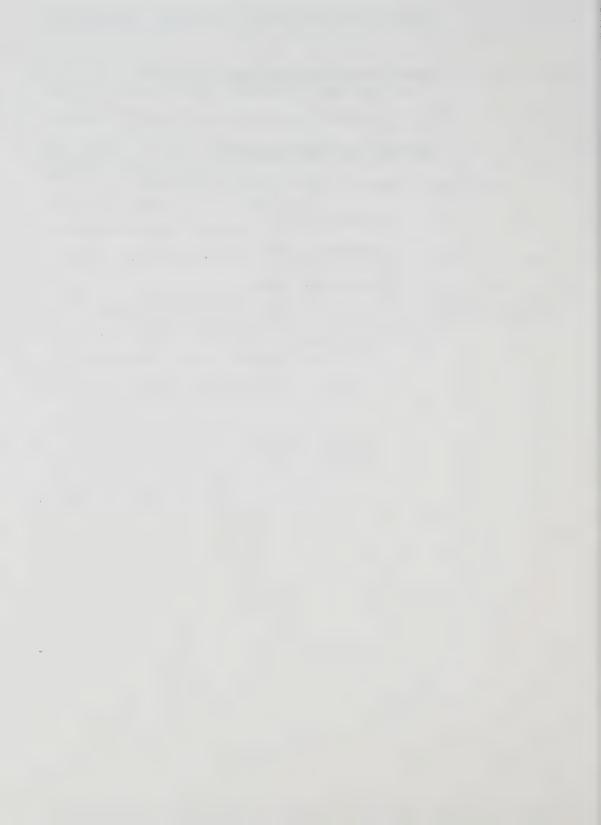
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC.

Meeting No. 40

Wednesday, June 1, 2005





Meeting No. 40

Wednesday, June 1, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Hon. Robert Thibault for Hon. Walt Lastewka.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(7), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report on Plans and Priorities 2005-2006 of the Office of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as the Report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the Report to the House at the earliest opportunity following the expiry of the forty-eight (48) hour revision period.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk and the analysts, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 1, Information Technology Security of the February 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 15, 2005.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as the Report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the Report to the House at the earliest opportunity following the

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expiry of the forty-eight (48) hour revision period.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk and the analysts, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release.

At 4:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/02 11:07 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC.

Meeting No. 41

Monday, June 6, 2005





Meeting No. 41

Monday, June 6, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for Dean Allison and Mario Laframboise for Benoît Sauvageau.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 1, Internal Audit in Departments and Agencies of the November 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on November 23, 2004.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as the Report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the Report to the House at the earliest opportunity following the expiry of the forty-eight (48) hour revision period.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk and the analysts, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release.

At 4:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/07 10:43 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC.

Meeting No. 42

Wednesday, June 8, 2005





Meeting No. 42

Wednesday, June 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Shawn Murphy, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyi.

Acting Members present: Bernard Cleary for Benoît Sauvageau and Hon. Robert Thibault for Hon. Walt Lastewka.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, March 21, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-277, An Act to amend the Auditor General Act (audit of accounts).

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as the Report to the House.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Chair present the Report to the House at the earliest opportunity.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 5, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada - Education Program and Post-Secondary Student Support of the November 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on Thursday, November 23, 2004.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as the Report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the Report to the House at the earliest opportunity following the expiry of the forty-eight (48) hour revision period.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk and the analysts, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee request that the Auditor General revisit the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs within one year to ensure that the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts are adopted and being implemented, and that the Department is moving towards addressing all other outstanding issues.

At 4:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/23 8:44 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams. CPC

Meeting No. 43

Monday, June 13, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, March 21, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-277, An Act to amend the Auditor General Act (audit of accounts).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Gary Carr,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Sébastien Gagnon,
Mark Holland,
Daryl Kramp,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rob Anders for Dean Allison, and Paul Forseth for John Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Benoît Sauvageau, Repentigny.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 43

Monday, June 13, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Vice-Chair, Mark Holland, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau and Borvs Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for Dean Allison and Paul Forseth for John Williams.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Benoît Sauvageau, Repentigny.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts offer to the Auditor General, Mrs. Sheila Fraser, its expression of sympathy following the recent passing of her father.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts agree to send to the Auditor General flowers on the occasion of her father's death.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, March 21, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-277, An Act to amend the Auditor General Act (audit of accounts).

Benoît Sauvageau made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/14 11:04 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC.

Meeting No. 44

Monday, June 20, 2005

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 44

Monday, June 20, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 2, National Security in Canada - The 2001 Anti-Terrorism Initiative: Air Transportation Security, Marine Security, and Emergency Preparedness of the April 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on April 5, 2005.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as the Report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the Report to the House at the earliest opportunity following the expiry of the forty-eight (48) hour revision period.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk and the analysts, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release.

At 4:18 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:57 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 10, 2004.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston

Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/22 3:03 p.m.

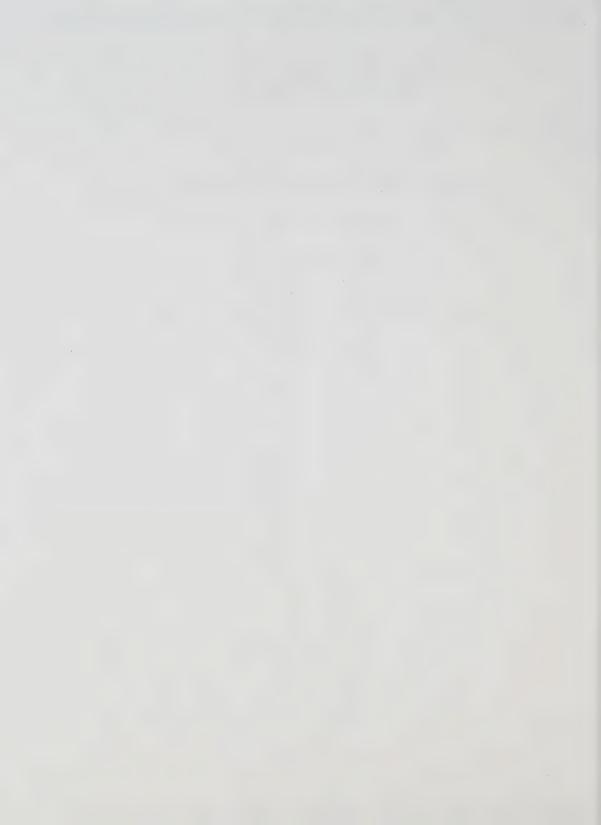
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC.

Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, June 22, 2005

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, June 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sébastien Gagnon, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Joe Preston for Dean Allison.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 5, Management of Public Opinion Research of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on February 10, 2004.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as the Report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the Report to the House at the earliest opportunity following the expiry of the forty-eight (48) hour revision period.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk and the analyst, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release.

At 4:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/23 10:43 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Mr. John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 2005 referred to the Committee on Thursday, September 29, 2005.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, March 21, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-277, An Act to amend the Auditor General Act (audit of accounts).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,
Gary Carr,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mark Holland,
Daryl Kramp,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alain Boire for Sébastien Gagnon.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
John Wiersema, Deputy Auditor General;
Frank Vandenhoven, Principal.

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General;

John Morgan, Acting Assistant Comptroller General.

Department of Finance:
Paul Rochon, Director.



Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Alain Boire for Sébastien Gagnon.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: John Wiersema, Deputy Auditor General; Frank Vandenhoven, Principal. Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General; John Morgan, Acting Assistant Comptroller General. Department of Finance: Paul Rochon, Director.

The Chair presented the Twelfth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

Your Sub-committee met on Monday, September 26, 2005 and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. That the Clerk be instructed to schedule the following meetings at the earliest opportunity: Chapter 1, April 2005 Report Natural Resources; Chapter 3, April 2005 Report Passport Office;
- 2. That a meeting on the Public Accounts of Canada 2005 be scheduled at the earliest opportunity following tabling in the House of Commons;
- 3. That one meeting each be scheduled to discuss the Government responses to the 9th and 10th Reports of the Standing Committee and to include the following witnesses:

9th Report:

The Honourable Reg Alcock,

Alex Himelfarb

10th Report:

The Honourable Reg Alcock,

Alex Himelfarb,

Professor Emeritus C.E.S. Franks.

It was agreed, — That the Twelfth report of the Sub-committee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in .

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 2005 referred to the Committee on Thursday, September 29, 2005.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:32 a.m., pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, March 21, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-277, An Act to amend the Auditor General Act (audit of accounts).

On motion of Benoît Sauvageau, it was agreed, — That the Committee conclude its consideration on Bill C-277, An Act to amend the Auditor General Act (audit of accounts).

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as the Twentieth Report to the House..

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 10:46 a.m., the Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts host a luncheon on Wednesday, October 19, 2005 for a delegation of the National Audit Office from the People's Republic of China.

Brian Fitzpatrick moved, — That the Committee request the Library of Parliament to draft a comparative report on discrepancies in the testimony of those individuals who appeared before both the Committee's hearings on the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General and before the Gomery Commission.

It was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the words "Auditor General" the following: "as well as the testimony of Charles Guité on July 9, 2002, Meeting no. 64 of the 1st Session of the 37th Parliament".

By unanimous consent, after debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

At 11:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/06 12:04 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Mr. John William, CPC

Meeting No. 47

Thursday, October 6, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,
Gary Carr,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mark Holland,
Daryl Kramp,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alain Boire for Sébastien Gagnon.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.



Meeting No. 47

Thursday, October 6, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Alain Boire for Sébastien Gagnon.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Chair seek the permission of the House to authorize the Committee to attend a conference hosted jointly by the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) and the School of Public Policy and Administration, Carleton University entitled: Responding To Gomery, The Future of the Public Service of Canada, to be held at the Chateau Laurier Hotel, Ottawa, on Tuesday, November 15, 2005, and that the necessary staff accompany the committee.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$8,175.00 allowing the Committee to attend the Conference be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee at the earliest opportunity.

Benoît Sauvageau moved, — That the Committee undertake a review of reporting by non-profit institutions and agencies having received transfer payments and that a report be issued, including the contributions paid to the Canadian Unity Council and Option Canada.

Debate arose thereon.

Dean Allison moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the word "Committee" with the words "Auditor General" and by deleting the words "including the contributions paid to the Canadian Unity Council and Option Canada".

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 10; NAYS: 1.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 10; NAYS: 1.

By unanimous consent, Benoît Sauvageau moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (3)(g), the Committee undertake a review of reporting of contributions paid to the Canadian Unity Council and Option Canada.

The question: "That the motion of Benoît Sauvageau be allowed to stand" was put and was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 3.

At 10:10 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005-10-14 1:41 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,
Alain Boire,
Gary Carr,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mark Holland,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau
and John Williams.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rob Anders for Daryl Kramp.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.



Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 9:11 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Clerk of the Committee, Elizabeth B.Kingston, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Alain Boire, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau and John Williams.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for Daryl Kramp.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Brian Fitzpatrick, it was agreed, — That John Williams be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Walt Lastewka, it was agreed, — That Gary Carr be elected as Government Vice-Chair of the Committee.

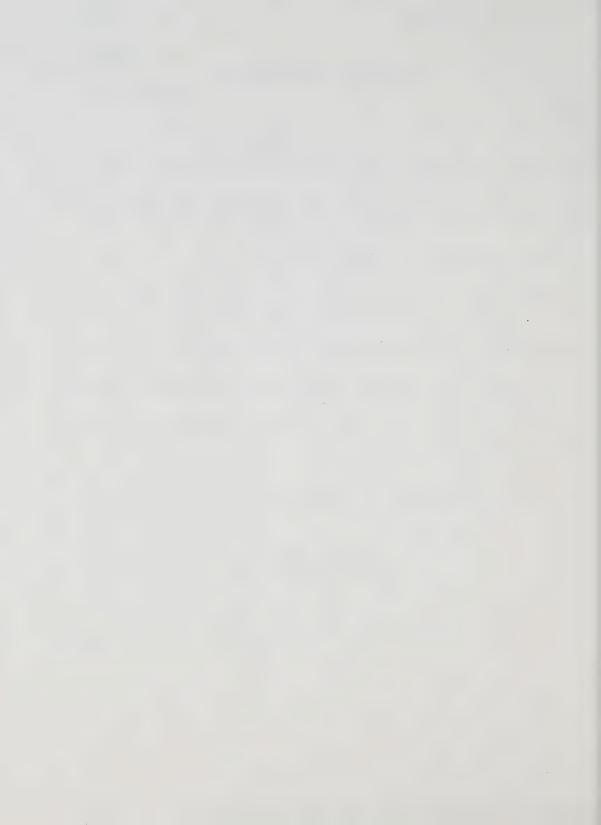
On motion of Alain Boire, it was agreed, — That Benoît Sauvageau be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

John Williams took the Chair.

At 9:15 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/20 3:18 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison Alain Boire Gary Carr David Christopherson Brian Fitzpatrick Mark Holland Hon. Walt Lastewka Hon. Shawn Murphy Benoît Sauvageau John Williams Borys Wrzesnewskyj

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Rob Anders for Daryl Kramp

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst



Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 9:24 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Alain Boire, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for Daryl Kramp.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Thirteenth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

Your sub-committee met on Thursday, October 6, 2005 and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That the schedule of meetings for the Fall session of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be as follows:

Wednesday, October 19, 2005 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., 340-S Luncheon hosted by the Committee for a delegation from the National Audit Office of China

Thursday, October 20, 2005 9:00 a.m., 237-C, Centre Block, Chapter 3 of the April 2005 Report of the Auditor General regarding: Passport Office Witnesses: Doreen Steidle, Sheila Fraser, Richard Flageole, Paul Morse

Tuesday, October 25, 2005 9:00 a.m., 209 West Block, Government Response to the 9th Report re: Governance and Accountability in the Federal Public Service Witnesses: Hon. Reg. Alcock, Alex Himelfarb

<u>Thursday, October 27, 2005</u> 9:00 a.m., 209 West Block, Government Response to the 10th Report re: Governance and Accountability in the Federal Public Service Witnesses: Hon. Reg. Alcock, Alex Himelfarb

Tuesday, November 1st, 2005 9:00 a.m, 253-D, Centre Block, Government Responses to the 9th and 10th Reports re: Governance and Accountability in the Federal Public Service Witnesses: C.E.S. Franks, Lorne Sossin

<u>Thursday, November 3, 2005</u> 9:00 a.m., 253-D, Centre Block, Chapter 1 of the April 2005 Report of the Auditor General - Natural Resources, Witnesses: Richard Fadden, Sheila Fraser

Tuesday, November 15, 2005 9:00 a.m., Chateau Laurier Hotel IPAC Conference

<u>Thursday, November 17, 2005</u> 9:00 a.m Chapter 5 of the April 2005 Report of the Auditor General – Rating Selected Departmental Performance Reports

Tuesday, November 22, 2005 9:00 a.m, 237-C, Centre Block, TO BE DETERMINED

Thursday, November 24, 2005 9:00 a.m TO BE DETERMINED

<u>Tuesday, November 29, 2005</u> 9:00 a.m, Government Response to Chapter 2 of the April 2005 Report of the Auditor General – National Security

<u>Thursday, December 1st, 2005</u> 9:00 a.m., Government Response to Chapter 5 of the November 2004 Report of the Auditor General – Indian Affairs

Respectfully submitted,

John Williams, Chair

It was agreed, — That the Thirteenth Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, be concurred in.

It was agreed, — That the committee agree to host a Russian delegation for luncheon on November 1, 2005.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the budget of \$3000.00 for hospitality purposes and that the Chairman be instructed to present the budget to the Liaison Committee at the earliest opportunity.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Benoît Sauvageau, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (3)(g), the Committee undertake a review of reporting of contributions paid to the Canadian Unity Council and Option Canada .

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

At 9:48 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/20 5:02 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 50

Thursday, October 20, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Chapter 3, Passport Office - Passport Services of the April 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on April 5, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,
Alain Boire,
Gary Carr,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Daryl Kramp,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff for Mark Holland, and Stockwell Day for John Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Brian O'Neal, Analyst;

Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General;
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Paul Morse, Principal.

Passport Canada:

Doreen Steidle, Chief Executive Officer; Jody Thomas, Acting Director General, Security Bureau.



Meeting No. 50

Thursday, October 20, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Gary Carr, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Alain Boire, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Ken Boshcoff for Mark Holland and Stockwell Day for John Williams.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General; Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Paul Morse, Principal. Passport Canada: Doreen Steidle, Chief Executive Officer; Jody Thomas, Acting Director General, Security Bureau.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3, Passport Office - Passport Services of the April 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on April 5, 2005.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the budget of \$31,220.00 for contracting services to compare testimony given at both the Gomery Commission and the Public Accounts Committee in relation to Chapters 3,4 and 5 the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General be approved, and that the Chairman be instructed to present the budget to the Subcommittee on budgets of the Liaison Committee at the earliest opportunity.

Benoît Sauvageau moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (3)(g), the Committee request that the Auditor General undertake a review of reporting of contributions paid to the Canadian Unity Council and Option Canada.

Debate arose thereon.

Daryl Kramp moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "Canada" the following: "with the extent of investigation being limited to a 10 year period from the date of passage of the motion".

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Daryl Kramp and it was agreed to.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 4.

At 11:07 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/20 3:59 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC.

Meeting No. 51

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Governance and Accountability within the Federal Public Service, with an emphasis on ministerial and deputy ministerial accountability.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Gary Carr,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mark Holland,
Daryl Kramp,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Benoît Sauvageau,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rob Anders for Dean Allison, Michel Guimond for Alain Boire, and Roger Valley for Hon. Shawn Murphy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Reg Alcock, President of the Treasury Board.

WITNESSES:

Privy Council Office:
Alex Himelfarb, Clerk of the Privy Council.



Meeting No. 51

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for Dean Allison, Michel Guimond for Alain Boire and Roger Valley for Hon. Shawn Murphy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Reg Alcock, President of the Treasury Board.

Witnesses: Privy Council Office: Alex Himelfarb, Clerk of the Privy Council.

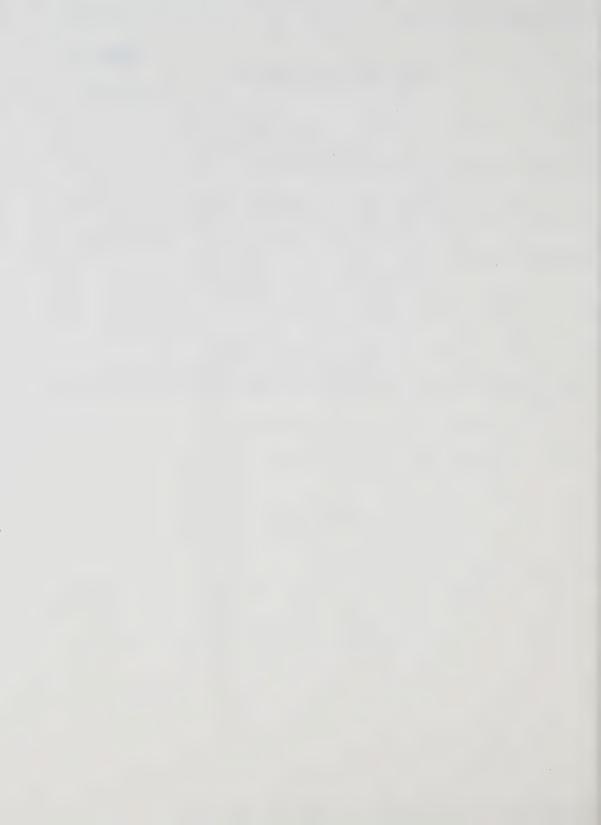
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Governance and Accountability within the Federal Public Service, with an emphasis on ministerial and deputy ministerial accountability.

The Minister and the witness made statements and answered questions.

At 10:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/25 11:34 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Willimas, CPC

Meeting No. 52

Thursday, October 27, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 2005 referred to the Committee on Thursday, September 29, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alain Boire
Gary Carr
David Christopherson
Brian Fitzpatrick
Mark Holland
Hon. Walt Lastewka
Hon. Shawn Murphy
Benoît Sauvageau
John Williams
Borys Wrzesnewskyj

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rob Anders for Dean Allison

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst



Meeting No. 52

Thursday, October 27, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alain Boire, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for Dean Allison.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 2005 referred to the Committee on Thursday, September 29, 2005.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as the Report to the House.

It was agreed, — That pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to this Report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the Report to the House at the earliest opportunity following the expiry of the forty-eight (48) hour revision period.

It was agreed, — That a Press Release be issued.

At 9:34 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/27 2:18 p.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams.

Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the Government Response to the Ninth Report: Chapters 3 to 5 of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada and Government Response to the Tenth Report: Governance in the Public Service of Canada: Ministerial and Deputy Ministerial Accountability.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alain Boire,
Gary Carr,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Daryl Kramp,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rob Anders for Dean Allison, Michael John Savage for Borys Wrzesnewskyj, and Roger Valley for Mark Holland.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

C.E.S. Franks, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Queen's University; Lorne Sossin, Associate Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto.

> Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alain Boire, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyi.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for Dean Allison, Michael John Savage for Borys Wrzesnewskyj and Roger Valley for Mark Holland.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: C.E.S. Franks, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Queen's University; Lorne Sossin, Associate Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the Government Response to the Ninth Report: Chapters 3 to 5 of the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General of Canada and resumed consideration of the Government Response to the Tenth Report: Governance in the Public Service of Canada: Ministerial and Deputy Ministerial Accountability.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Brian Fitzpatrick moved, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108 (3) (g) and the Public Accounts of Canada, the Standing Committee on Public Accounts requests the government table forthwith with the Committee copies of all internal and external audits (including any forensic audits) for the current fiscal year and for the fiscal periods ending March 31, 2005 and March 31, 2004 pertaining to contributions made by or through Technology Partnerships Canada.

Debate arose thereon.

Daryl Kramp moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the word "forthwith" with the words "by November 30, 2005".

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Daryl Kramp and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/02 2:37 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC.

Meeting No. 54

Thursday, November 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 1, Natural Resources Canada - Governance and Strategic Management of the April 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on April 5, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Alain Boire
Gary Carr
David Christopherson
Brian Fitzpatrick
Mark Holland
Daryl Kramp
Hon. Walt Lastewka
Hon. Shawn Murphy
Benoît Sauvageau
John Williams
Borys Wrzesnewskyj

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Barry Devolin for Dean Allison

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;

Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Nancy Cheng, Assistant Auditor General.

Department of Natural Resources:

Frank Des Rosiers, Director General, Strategic Policy Branch; Richard B. Fadden, Deputy Minister.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Crystal Pace, Principal.

Department of Natural Resources:

Richard Tobin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Sector.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 54

Thursday, November 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Alain Boire, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Barry Devolin for Dean Allison.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Marc-André Pigeon, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Nancy Cheng, Assistant Auditor General. Department of Natural Resources: Frank Des Rosiers, Director General, Strategic Policy Branch; Richard B. Fadden, Deputy Minister. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Crystal Pace, Principal. Department of Natural Resources: Richard Tobin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 1, Natural Resources Canada - Governance and Strategic Management of the April 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on April 5, 2005.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Benoît Sauvageau moved, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g) and the Public Accounts of Canada, the Standing Committee on Public Accounts request the government table, by November 30th, 2005, with the Committee copies of all internal and external audits (including forensic audits) pertaining to the administration of the Internationaux du sport de Montréal and to the organizing committee of the XI CHAMPIONNATS DU MONDE FINA -- MONTRÉAL 2005.

Debate arose thereon.

At 11:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/03 1:35 p.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC

Meeting No. 55

Thursday, November 17, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3, Passport Office - Passport Services of the April 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on April 5, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison,
Gary Carr,
David Christopherson,
Mark Holland,
Daryl Kramp,
Hon. Walt Lastewka,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Benoît Sauvageau,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Odina Desrochers for Alain Boire, and Larry Miller for Brian Fitzpatrick.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 55

Thursday, November 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Mark Holland, Daryl Kramp, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Odina Desrochers for Alain Boire and Larry Miller for Brian Fitzpatrick.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Fourteenth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

Your sub-committee met on Monday, November 14, 2005 and agreed to make the following recommendations:

That the schedule of meetings for the Fall session of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be as follows:

Tuesday, November 22, 2005 9:00 a.m., Room 237-C, Centre Block:

Presentation to the House of the Auditor General's Report

Thursday, November 24, 2005 9:00 a.m., Room 253-D, Centre Block:

Auditor General re: November 2005 Report

Tuesday, November 29, 2005 9:00 a.m., Room 308, West Block:

Government Response to the 18th Report re: Chapter 2 of the April 2005 Report of the A.G.: National Security

Thursday, December 1st, 2005 9:00 a.m., Room 253-D, Centre Block:

Supplementary Estimates and Departmental Performance Report - Office of the Auditor General

Tuesday, December 6, 2005 9:00 a.m., Room 269, West Block:

Government Response to the 17th Report on Chapter 5 of the November 2004 Report of the Auditor General – Indian Affairs

Thursday, December 8, 2005 9:00 a.m., Room 269, West Block:

Departmental Performance Report – Department of the Solicitor General

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WILLIAMS.

Chair

It was agreed, — That the Fourteenth Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, be concurred in.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts offers a message of congratulations to Marc-Andre Pigeon, Analyst for the Committee and his wife on the occasion of the birth of their daughter Elise on November 12, 2005.

At 9:10 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3, Passport Office - Passport Services of the April 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on April 5, 2005.

At 9:11 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:20 a.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as the Report to the House .

It was agreed, — That pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to this Report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the Report to the House at the earliest opportunity following the expiry of the forty-eight (48) hour revision period.

It was agreed, — That a Press Release be issued.

At 9:52 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:56 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Benoît Sauvageau, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g) and the Public Accounts of Canada, the Standing Committee on Public Accounts request the government table, by November 30th, 2005, with the Committee copies of all internal and external audits (including forensic audits) pertaining to the administration of the Internationaux du sport de Montréal and to the organizing committee of the XI CHAMPIONNATS DU MONDE FINA -- MONTRÉAL 2005.

It was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding the word "available" after the words "copies of all".

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 2.

Dean Allison moved, — That, pursuant to the information submitted to this committee by Mr. Bruce Atyeo, the Standing Committee on Public Accounts requests the Auditor General of Canada to conduct an audit of the Integrated Relocation Program (IRP) contracts across the Government of Canada, and to report her findings to Parliament in a subsequent Report of the Auditor General.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 8; NAYS: 3.

At 10:14 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: John Williams, CPC.

Meeting No. 56

Thursday, November 24, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the November 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on Tuesday, November 22, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rob Anders for Daryl Kramp, Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Shawn Murphy, and Odina Desrochers for Alain Boire.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Jean Dupuis, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General;
Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General;
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General;
Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 56

Thursday, November 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, John Williams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dean Allison, Gary Carr, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Hon. Walt Lastewka, Benoît Sauvageau, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for Daryl Kramp, Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Shawn Murphy and Odina Desrochers for Alain Boire.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Jean Dupuis, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General; Sheila Fraser, Auditor General; Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General.

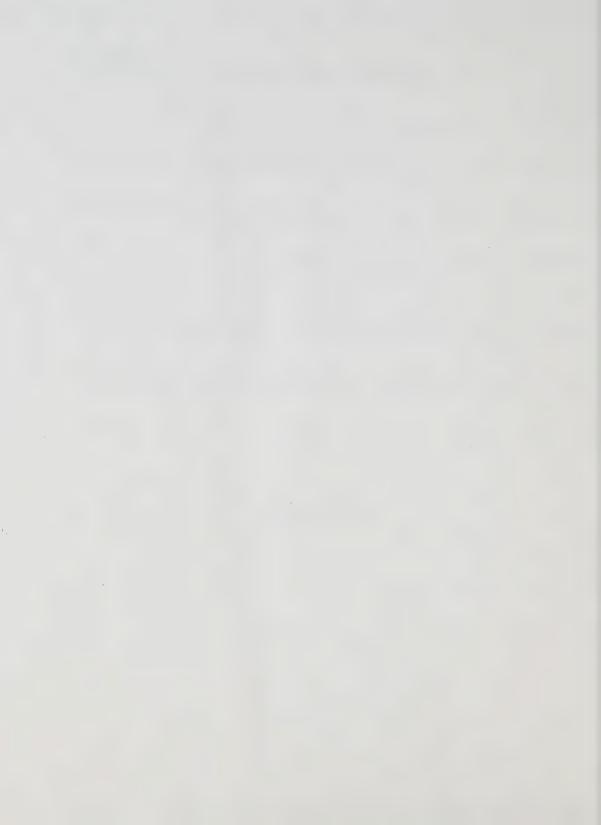
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the November 2005 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on Tuesday, November 22, 2005.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:53 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/24 11:56 a.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy. Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, May 4, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Navdeep Bains,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Richard Nadeau,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Benoît Sauvageau,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.
House of Commons:



Roger Préfontaine, Committee Clerk.

Danielle Bélisle Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 1

Thursday, May 4, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Navdeep Bains, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Yasmin Ratansi, Benoît Sauvageau, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst. House of Commons: Roger Préfontaine, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

Mike Lake moved, — That Shawn Murphy be elected Chair of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That Shawn Murphy be elected Chair of the Committee.

Yasmin Ratansi moved, — That Brian Fitzpatrick be elected first Vice-Chair of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That Brian Fitzpatrick be elected first Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Richard Nadeau moved, — That Benoît Sauvageau be elected second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That Benoît Sauvageau be elected second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Yasmin Ratansi, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

- That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a member of the other opposition party.
- That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence published when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three members are present, including one member of the opposition.
- That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee only documents that are available in both official languages.
- That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its subcommittees.

- That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses, not exceeding two representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.
- That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an in camera meeting.
- That one copy of the transcript of each in camera meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

At 11:30 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/04 4:19 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, May 11, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Vote number 20 under Finance referred to the Committee on April 25, 2006.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Navdeep Bains,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Richard Nadeau,
Yasmin Ratansi,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Casey for Pierre Poilievre, and Yvon Lévesque for Benoît Sauvageau.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General;
John Wiersema, Deputy Auditor General;
Robert D'Aoust, Comptroller.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Danielle Bélisle Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 2

Thursday, May 11, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Navdeep Bains, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Bill Casey for Pierre Poilievre and Yvon Lévesque for Benoît Sauvageau.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General; John Wiersema, Deputy Auditor General; Robert D'Aoust, Comptroller.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

The Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts has the honour to present its

FIRST REPORT

Your Subcommittee met on Tuesday May 9, 2006 and agreed to make the following recommendations:

That 48 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the substantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and distributed to members in both official languages before consideration is given.

That the witnesses be given five (5) minutes to make their opening statements and if they have additional information, it should be deposited with the Clerk of the Committee.

That during the questioning of witnesses the time allocated to each questioner be as follows: On the first round of questioning, eight (8) minutes to a representative of each party in the following order: Liberal, Bloc Québécois, Conservative, NDP, Liberal and Conservative, on the second round of questioning, five (5) minutes per party in the following order: Liberal, Conservative, Bloc Québécois, Conservative, NDP, Liberal and Conservative.

That the 21st Report as amended (Public Accounts of Canada 2005) of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts in the 38th Parliament be concurred in this session of Parliament and that the Chair present this as a Report to the House.

That pursuant to S.O. 109 the Committee requests a global response to this Report from the Government.

That the 22nd Report as amended (Chapter 3 of Report of the Auditor General, April 2005) of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts in the 38th Parliament be concurred in this session of Parliament and that the Chair present this as a Report to the House.

That pursuant to S.O. 109 the Committee requests a global response to this Report from the Government.

That the Committee schedule for the next 3 meetings be as follows:

May 11th: Main Estimates vote 20, under Finance and the Performance Report of the Office of the Auditor General.

May 16th: Lock-up for the Auditor General's Report (no formal meeting) Room 237-C Center Block.

May 18th: (luncheon meeting starting at 12:00): Auditor General's Report tabled May16th followed by a Subcommittee meeting to select the Chapters from the Auditor General's report that will be studied by the committee starting May 30th.

That we hear from the House of Commons Legal Counsel before the Committee further looks at comparing the testimonies before the Gomery Commission and the Public Accounts Committee.

That on an experimental basis, an informal meeting be held with the Auditor General's office and the Departmental officials concerned before a Department appears.

That one meeting with experts be dedicated to a round table on improving the effectiveness of the Public Accounts Committee.

That a proposed budget for ten (10) members and the necessary staff be prepared to permit the Committee to travel to Charlottetown from September 10, 2006 to September 12, 2006 in relation to the Twenty Seventh Conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committee.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That the First report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Vote number 20 under Finance referred to the Committee on April 25, 2006.

By unanimous consent, the Chair called Vote number 20 under Finance.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Vote 20 under FINANCE carried.

On motion of Yvon Lévesque, it was agreed, — That the Chair report Vote 20, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under FINANCE to the House.

It was agreed, — That the preferred date for a dinner with the Auditor General would be Monday May

28th, 2006.

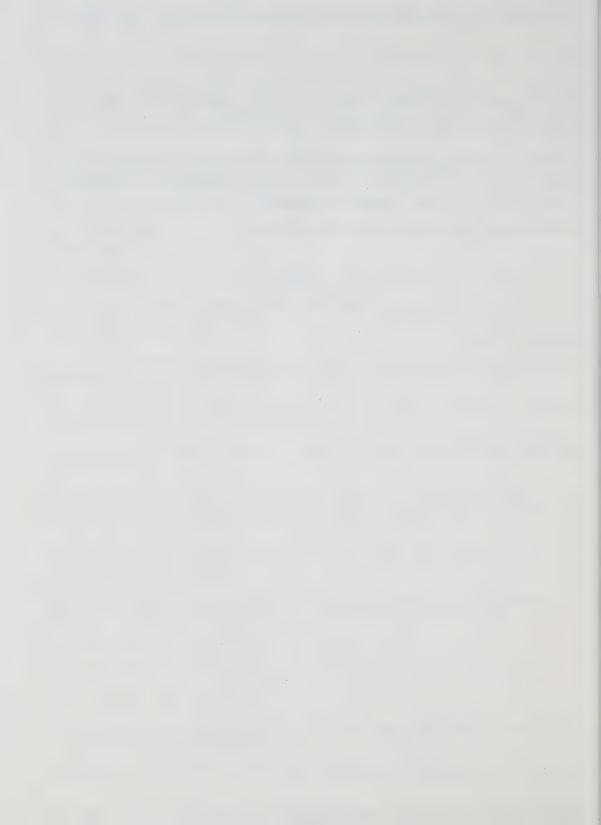
It was agreed, — That the Chair seek the permission of the House to authorize the twelve (12) members of the Committee to travel to Charlottetown from September 10 to September 13, 2006 in relation to the Twenty-seventh Annual Conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees and that the necessary staff accompany the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$45,179, for the period of September 10, 2006 to September 13, 2006 be adopted and that members be encouraged to use their travel points to get to and from Charlottetown and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee for its approval at the earliest opportunity.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/15 3:21 p.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy. Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Monday, May 15, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the implications of the leak of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the House of Commons.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Navdeep Bains, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Yasmin Ratansi, Benoît Sauvageau, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;

Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General;
Jean Ste-Marie, Assistant Auditor General and Legal Advisor.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Danielle Bélisle Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 3

Monday, May 15, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 4:30 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Navdeep Bains, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Yasmin Ratansi, Benoît Sauvageau, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General; Jean Ste-Marie, Assistant Auditor General and Legal Advisor.

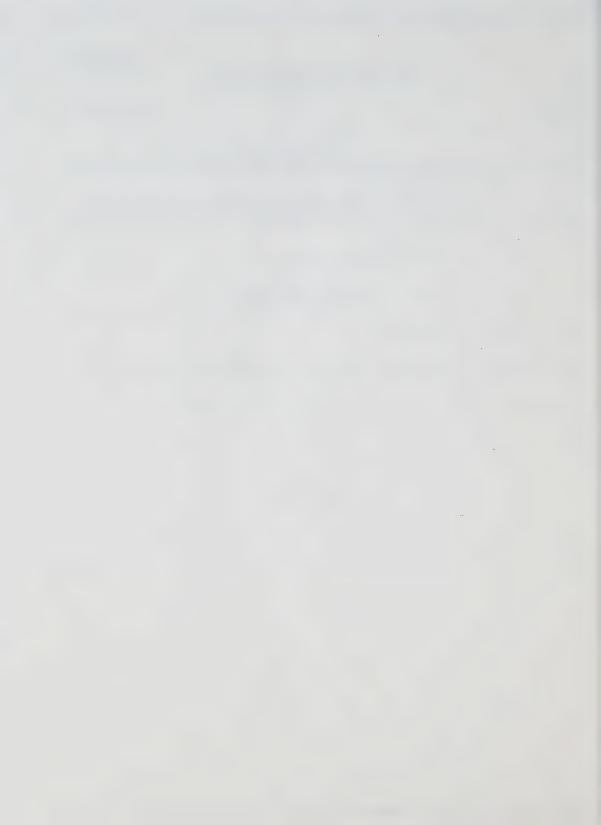
Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the implications of the leak of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the House of Commons.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/18 11:09 a.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, May 18, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on Tuesday, May 16, 2006.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson Brian Fitzpatrick Mike Lake Hon. Shawn Murphy Richard Nadeau Yasmin Ratansi David Sweet John Williams Borys Wrzesnewskyj

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Holland for Hon. Navdeep Bains Serge Ménard for Benoît Sauvageau Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievr.





Meeting No. 4

Thursday, May 18, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 12:11 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Mark Holland for Hon. Navdeep Bains, Serge Ménard for Benoît Sauvageau and Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General; Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; Peter Kasurak, Senior Principal; Wendy Loschiuk, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on Tuesday, May 16, 2006.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/18 3:49 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Alex Smith, Analyst

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General
Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General
Peter Kasurak, Senior Principal
Wendy Loschiuk, Principal

Sheila Fraser made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Danielle Bélisle Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter on Parliament's Control of Public Spending of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Navdeep Bains, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Yasmin Ratansi, Benoît Sauvageau, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Comartin for David Christopherson, and Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst:

Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

William V. Baker, Former Commissioner , Canada Firearms Centre.

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Susan M.W. Cartwright, Assistant Secretary, Accountability in Government.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General.

As Individuals:

Wayne Ganim, Former Director General, Finance, Department of Justice.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Peter Kasurak, Senior Principal.

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

John Morgan, Acting Assistant Comptroller General, Financial Management and Analysis Sector, Office of the Comptroller General.

As Individuals:

Morris Rosenberg, Former Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

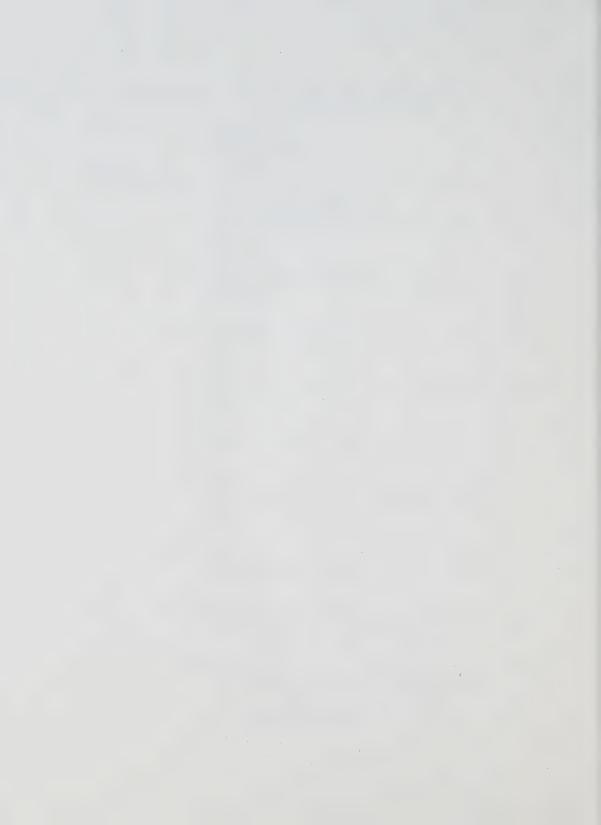
Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General of Canada, Office of the Comptroller General.

As Individuals:

John Wiersema, Former Comptroller General of Canada.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Frank Vandenhoven, Principal.

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Bill Matthews, Senior Director.





Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Navdeep Bains, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Yasmin Ratansi, Benoît Sauvageau, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Joe Comartin for David Christopherson and Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: William V. Baker, Former Commissioner, Canada Firearms Centre. Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Susan M.W. Cartwright, Assistant Secretary, Accountability in Government. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General. As an individual: Wayne Ganim, Former Director General, Finance, Department of Justice. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Peter Kasurak, Senior Principal. Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: John Morgan, Acting Assistant Comptroller General, Financial Management and Analysis Sector, Office of the Comptroller General. As an individual: Morris Rosenberg, Former Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice. Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General of Canada. As an individual: John Wiersema, Former Comptroller General of Canada. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Frank Vandenhoven, Principal. Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Bill Matthews, Senior Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter on Parliament's Control of Public Spending of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

Sheila Fraser, William Baker, Charles-Antoine St-Jean, John Wiersema and Morris Rosenberg made opening statements and with other witnesses answered questions.

At 1:52 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:55 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

The Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts has the honour to present its

SECOND REPORT

The Subcommittee met on Thursday, May 18, 2006, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. That regarding the Report of the Auditor General of Canada tabled in November 2005, the Committee write to Departments concerned asking for an update following this report.
- 2. That whenever possible, the Committee study the Chapters tabled by the Auditor General of Canada in May 2006, in the following order:
- 1). Government Decisions Limited, Parliament's Control of Public Spending
- 2). Chapter 5, Management of Programs for First Nations
- 3). Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space
- 4). Chapter 8, Canada Revenue Agency Collection of Tax Debts
- 5). Chapter 4, Canadian Firearms Program
- 6). Chapter 2, National Defence Military Recruiting and Retention
- 3. That the Committee re-table Report 10 of the 1st Session, 38th Parliament, outlining the recommendations in light of the government response that had been received.
- 4. That regarding the leak of the Auditor General's report a letter be sent asking for the results of the government investigation.

On motion of Benoît Sauvageau, it was agreed, — That the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

At 2:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, June 1, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 5, Management of Programs for First Nations of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Navdeep Bains,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Richard Nadeau,
Yasmin Ratansi,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Lemay for Benoît Sauvageau, and Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;

Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; Sheila Fraser, Auditor General.

Department of Health:
Hélène Gosselin, Associate Deputy Minister.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:
Paul LeBlanc, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-economic
Policy and Regional Operations.

Department of Health:

Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit
Health Branch.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Jim Quinn, Director General, Finance Branch, Corporate Services.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Glenn Wheeler, Principal.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.



Meeting No. 6

Thursday, June 1, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Navdeep Bains, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Marc Lemay for Benoît Sauvageau and Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; Sheila Fraser, Auditor General. Department of Health: Hélène Gosselin, Associate Deputy Minister. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Paul LeBlanc, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-economic Policy and Regional Operations. Department of Health: Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Jim Quinn, Director General, Finance Branch, Corporate Services. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Glenn Wheeler, Principal.

It was agreed, — That if the legal opinions and the letter from the Department of Justice requesting the legal opinion relating to the Auditor's General Report on Parliament's Control of Public Spending are not received at the Clerk's office by noon June 2nd the Deputy Minister of Justice appear before the Committee at its next meeting to explain why.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 5, Management of Programs for First Nations of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, — That the Chair write to the Clerk of the Privy Council pointing out that Bill C-2 requires that Deputy Ministers, be accountable before Parliament and that the Committee is rather incensed that a meeting with another bureaucrat take precedence over coming before Parliament.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/05 2:52 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 8, Canada Revenue Agency - Collection of Tax Debts of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Navdeep Bains,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Richard Nadeau,
Yasmin Ratansi,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Marc Lemay for Benoît Sauvageau.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Jeff Watson.





Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Navdeep Bains, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Marc Lemay for Benoît Sauvageau.

Associate Members present: Jeff Watson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General; John Rossetti, Assistant Auditor General; Jamie Hood, Principal. Canada Revenue Agency: William V. Baker, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Operating Officer; Guy Proulx, Assistant Commissioner, Taxpayer Services and Debt Management Branch; Fred Vivash, Director General, Tax Operations Directorate, Taxpayer Services and Debt Management Branch; Michael Snaauw, Director, Accounts Receivable Division, Taxpayer Services and Debt Management Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 8, Canada Revenue Agency - Collection of Tax Debts of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

Sheila Fraser and William V. Baker made statements and with the other witnesses answered questions.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That the Canada Revenue Agency report to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts by September 30, 2006 on the status of the Agency's 2010 vision plan and that the Committee requests the Agency to provide a detailed action plan including performance indicators and a timetable for completing its 2010 vision and, provide the Committee with regular progress reports.

At 12:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle Clerk of the Committee

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Brian O'Neal, Analyst;

Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General;
John Rossetti, Assistant Auditor General;
Jamie Hood, Principal.

Canada Revenue Agency:

William V. Baker, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Operating Officer;

Guy Proulx, Assistant Commissioner, Taxpayer Services and Debt Management Branch;

Fred Vivash, Director General, Tax Operations Directorate, Taxpayer Services and Debt Management Branch; Michael Snaauw, Director, Accounts Receivable Division, Taxpayer Services and Debt Management Branch.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, June 8, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter on Parliament's Control of Public Spending of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Navdeep Bains,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Richard Nadeau,
Yasmin Ratansi,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yvan Loubier for Benoît Sauvageau, and Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Public Works and Government Services:

David Marshall, Deputy Minister;

Tim McGrath, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Real Property Branch.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; Bruce Sloan, Principal.

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Jim Libbey, Executive Director, Financial Systems Acceptance Authority, Office of the Comptroller General; Blair James, Executive Director, Assets & Acquired Services Directorate, Government Operations Sector.

As Individuals:

Margaret Bloodworth, Former Deputy Minister, Public Safety Emergency Preparedness Canada; Jim Judd, Former Secretary, Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat.

Department of Public Works and Government Services:

Scott Leslie, Senior Director, Special Procurement Initiatives Directorate:

Henry Sano, Director General, Client Services for Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness;

John Shearer, Former Assistant Deputy Minister, Service Integration Branch.

As Individuals:

John Wiersema, Former Comptroller General of Canada.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Office of the Auditor General for Western Australia:
Peter Wilkins, Executive Director, Performance Review Division.





Meeting No. 8

Thursday, June 8, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11:00 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Navdeep Bains, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Yvan Loubier for Benoît Sauvageau and Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Public Works and Government Services: David Marshall, Deputy Minister; Tim McGrath, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Real Property Branch. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; Bruce Sloan, Principal. Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Jim Libbey, Executive Director, Financial Systems Acceptance Authority, Office of the Comptroller General; Blair James, Executive Director, Assets & Acquired Services Directorate, Government Operations Sector. As individuals: Margaret Bloodworth, Former Deputy Minister, Public Safety Emergency Preparedness Canada; Jim Judd, Former Secretary, Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat. Department of Public Works and Government Services: Scott Leslie, Senior Director, Special Procurement Initiatives Directorate; Henry Sano, Director General, Client Services for Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness; John Shearer, Former Assistant Deputy Minister, Service Integration Branch. As an individual: John Wiersema, Former Comptroller General of Canada.

Participants present: Office of the Auditor General for Western Australia: Peter Wilkins, Executive Director, Performance Review Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

Ronnie Campbell and David Marshall made statements and with the other witnesses answered questions.

Dr. Peter Wilkins, Executive Director, Office of the Auditor General, Western Australia was introduced to the Committee.

At 12:56 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:00 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter on Parliament's Control of Public Spending of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

The witnesses answered questions.

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, — That John Wiersema appear as a witness now.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Third Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

The Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts has the honour to present its

THIRD REPORT

Your Subcommittee met on June 6, 2006, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

That before the summer adjournment:

- The Committee study the drafts of its reports on Chapters 5, 7 and 8 and on the Report on Government Decisions Limited Parliament's Control of Public Spending of the Auditor General's Report tabled May 16, 2006 and that the Committee invite the Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs to appear on Chapter 5 of the Auditor General's report.

That the Committee discontinue the experiment regarding informal meetings to be held with the Auditor General's office and the Department officials before the scheduled formal meeting.

That, a round table on the Committee's efficiency be held June 22nd, 2006.

On motion of Jeff Watson, it was agreed, — That the Third Report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

At 2:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 5, Management of Programs for First Nations of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Navdeep Bains for Marcel Proulx, Marc Lemay for Benoît Sauvageau, and Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development : Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister.



Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Hon. Navdeep Bains for Marcel Proulx, Marc Lemay for Benoît Sauvageau and Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 5, Management of Programs for First Nations of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

Michael Wernick made statement and answered questions.

At 11:51 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:55, the Committee resumed sitting in camera.

The Committee commenced consideration of draft reports.

It was agreed, — That the draft report on Considering the Government Response to the Tenth Report of the 1st Session of the 38th Parliament be adopted as the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

That the Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes as necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

That the Chair be authorized to table the Report in the House.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, on the 2006-2007 Main Estimates and Performance of the Office of the Auditor General of Canada be adopted as the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

That the Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes as necessary

without changing the substance of the Report.

That the Chair be authorized to table the Report in the House.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, June 15, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Navdeep Bains for Marcel Proulx, Serge Ménard for Benoît Sauvageau, Lui Temelkovski for Marcel Proulx, and Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Lemay.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst.
Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts:
Alex Smith.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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day, June 15, 2006

Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Shawn hy, presiding.

bers of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard au, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

g Members present: Hon. Navdeep Bains for Marcel Proulx, Serge Ménard for Benoît Sauvageau, Lui Temelkovski arcel Proulx and Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

* Members present: Marc Lemay.

endance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst. Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing mittee on Public Accounts: Alex Smith.

Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

s agreed, — That the Chair write to the Department of Public Works demanding that all documents that where sted by the members of the Committee at its meeting of June 8, be sent to the Clerk of the Committee forthwith.

:46 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

:46 p.m., the sitting resumed in public to study the letter received from the Comptroller General regarding a cation waiver.

otion of John Williams, it was agreed, — That in relation to the letter dated June 9, 2006 from Charles-Antoine St-Comptroller General of Canada concerning waivers to the publication of details related to ex gratia payments in the Public Accounts for:

Merchant Navy Veterans since 1999-2000;

Heating fuel rebates since 2000-2001;

Claims arising from the Indian Schools System since 2001-2002; and

Royal Canadian Mounted Police(RCMP) disability benefit payments in 2005-2006;

nual waiver be given to Treasury Board provided that the gross amount and the total number of claims are reported

2:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sukh Dhaliwal for Marcel Proulx, Marc Lemay for Benoît Sauvageau, and Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Alex Smith, Analyst.



Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Sukh Dhaliwal for Marcel Proulx, Marc Lemay for Benoît Sauvageau and Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alex Smith, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the draft report on Chapter 5, Management of Programs for First Nations of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada be adopted as the Sixth report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

That the Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes as necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

That the Chair be authorized to table the Report in the House.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report.

It was agreed, — That a press release be prepared and sent after the tabling of the Report in the House.

It was agreed, — That prior to the tabling of the final report on Chapter 8, Revenue Canada: Collection of Tax Debts of the May 2006 report of the Auditor General of Canada, the Clerk be instructed to circulated to all members a copy of the final draft version for review and approval over the course of a four hour period.

It was agreed, — That, after being circulated, the draft report (as amended) on Chapter 8, Revenue Camada: Collection of Tax Debts of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada be adopted as the Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

That the Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes as necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

That the Chair be authorized to table the Report in the House.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report

That a press release be prepared and sent after the tabling of the Report in the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair write to the Deputy Minister of Public Works, re-instating that the documents demanded by the Committee be sent forthwith to the Clerk and outlining that the Department has caused the delay of the issue of the Committeee's Report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee be authorized to purchase for Committee members, copies of the publication of the CCAF on Parliamentary Oversight - Committees and relationships- A Guide to Strenghtening Public Accounts Committee at a cost of \$50.00 each.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure met with the CCAF to discuss this publication.

At 12:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/22 4:48 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, June 22, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on ways to improve the effectiveness of the Public Accounts Committee.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Richard Nadeau,
Yasmin Ratansi,
Benoît Sauvageau,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

C.E.S. (Ned) Franks, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Queen's University; Jonathan Malloy, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Carleton University.

Canadian Comprehensive Auditing Foundation:
Geoffrey Dubrow, Director, Capacity Development.



Meeting No. 12

Thursday, June 22, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Yasmin Ratansi, Benoît Sauvageau, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: C.E.S. (Ned) Franks, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Queen's University; Jonathan Malloy, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Carleton University. Canadian Comprehensive Auditing Foundation: Geoffrey Dubrow, Director, Capacity Development.

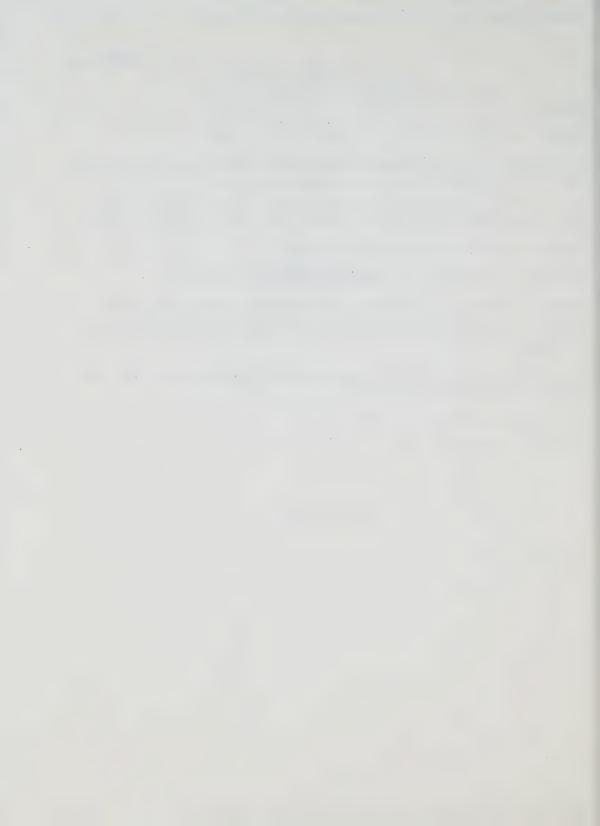
Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on ways to improve the effectiveness of the Public Accounts Committee.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/22 4:56 p.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pierre Lemieux for John Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Subcommittee on International Financial Reporting Guidelines and Standards for the Public Sector of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

Brian O'Neal.

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

Alex Smith.

Danielle Bélisle Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:54 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Pierre Lemieux for John Williams.

In attendance: Subcommittee on International Financial Reporting Guidelines and Standards for the Public Sector of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts: Brian O'Neal. Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts: Alex Smith.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Fourth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

- 1. That the Committee meet from 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- 2. That the Committee resumes its work: by finishing the two drafts reports: on Chapter 7 "Acquisition of Leased Office Space" and, on the special Chapter on "Government Decisions Limited Parliament's Control of Public Spending". Thereafter the Committee would commence its studies on Chapter 4 "Canadian Firearms Programs" and Chapter 2 "National Defence Military Recruting and Retention"
- 3. That the Committee also hold meetings dealing with the Public Accounts of Canada
- 4. That, in a few weeks, when the Committee as a clearer view of its work, it re-visits the proposal for a study on the Treasury Board of Canada. A document on the topic prepared by the Library of Parliament will be circulated to Members
- 5. That the document prepared by the Library of Parliament on Potential use of additional Committee resources be circulated to members for their imput.

It was agreed, — That the Fourth Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements on September 26, 2006, to provide a light lunch to a visiting delegation from Norway.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of draft reports.

It was agreed, — That the Committee write to the Department of Public Works asking that the cost of

the building in Hamilton i.e. purchase option be revealed and that an analysis of the tender process for the Montreal building be provided.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/03 3:58 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, September 21, 2006

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi and David Sweet.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher for John Williams, Paul Zed for Borys Wrzesnewskyj, and Jean-Yves Laforest for Benoît Sauvageau.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher for John Williams, Paul Zed for Borys Wrzesnewskyj, and Jean-Yves Laforest for Benoît Sauvageau.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

Christine Lafrance Committee Clerk



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, September 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:20 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi and David Sweet.

Acting Members present: Sylvie Boucher for John Williams, Paul Zed for Borys Wrzesnewskyj and Jean-Yves Laforest for Benoît Sauvageau.

Acting Members present: Sylvie Boucher for John Williams, Paul Zed for Borys Wrzesnewskyj and Jean-Yves Laforest for Benoît Sauvageau.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report No.8 on Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space.

It was agreed, — That the draft report as amended on Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada be adopted as the Eighth report of the Standing Committee on Public Accountsreport, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the embargo on the Evidence sections of the in camera meetings held on September 19 and 21 regarding the incoherence between the French and English versions be lifted and that these parts of the meetings be forwarded to the House of Commons Translation Service with a letter from the Committee Chair requesting that it pay more attention in order to ensure consistency between the versions of the documents studied in committee.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes as necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to table the Report in the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report.

It was agreed, — That the Report, as amended, be sent to the Members 24 hours before its tabled in the House.

It was agreed, — That a press release be prepared and sent immediately upon tabling of the Report in the House.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report no.9 on Special Chapter on Government Decisions Limited Parliament's Control of Public Spending.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Lafrance Committee Clerk

2007/01/10 2:52 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Colin Mayes for John Williams, and Joe Preston for Pierre Poilievre.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:28 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyi.

Acting Members present: Colin Mayes for John Williams and Joe Preston for Pierre Poilievre.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Brian Fitzpatrick, it was agreed, — That Shawn Murphy be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Marcel Proulx, it was agreed, — That Jean-Yves Laforest be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Marcel Proulx, it was agreed, — That Brian Fitzpatrick be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

At 3:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/27 11:29 a.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 4, Canadian Firearms Program of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Colin Mayes for John Williams,
Joe Preston for Pierre Poilievre,
and Pablo Rodriguez for Marcel Proulx.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

William V. Baker, Former Commissioner, Canada Firearms Centre.

Department of Public Works and Government Services:

Ian Bennett, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Acquisitions
Branch.

Canada Firearms Centre:

François Bidal, Director General; Denis Bilodeau, Senior Counsel, Head, Legal Service.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Peter Kasurak, Senior Principal.

National Police Services of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Peter D. Martin, Deputy Commissioner.

Sheila Fraser, William V. Baker, Ian Bennett and Peter D. Martin made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Colin Mayes for John Williams, Joe Preston for Pierre Poilievre and Pablo Rodriguez for Marcel Proulx.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: William V. Baker, Former Commissioner, Canada Firearms Centre. Department of Public Works and Government Services: Ian Bennett, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Acquisitions Branch. Canada Firearms Centre: François Bidal, Director General; Denis Bilodeau, Senior Counsel, Head, Legal Service. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Peter Kasurak, Senior Principal. National Police Services of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Peter D. Martin, Deputy Commissioner.

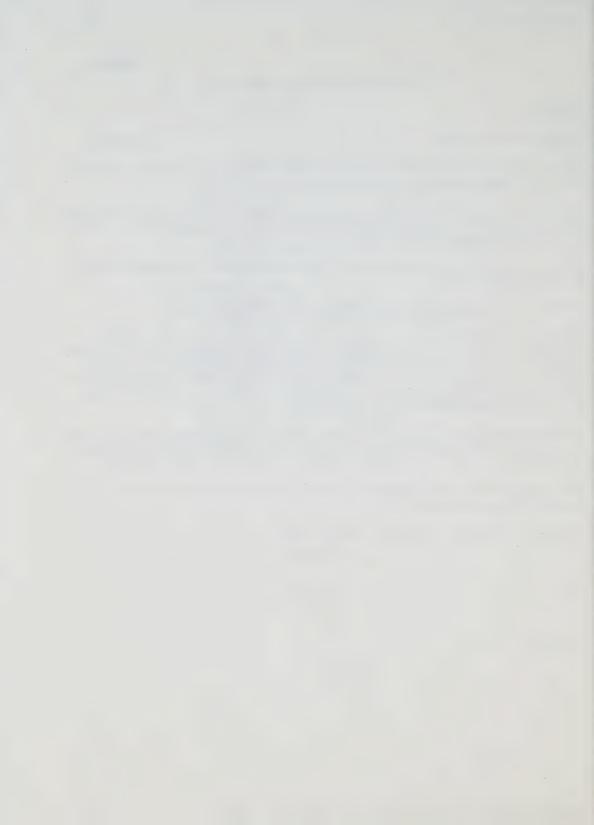
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 4, Canadian Firearms Program of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

Sheila Fraser, William V. Baker, Ian Bennett and Peter D. Martin made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/27 12:18 p.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, September 28, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 2006

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet and John Williams.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anthony Rota for Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Finance:

Chris Forbes, Director, Fiscal Policy Division, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada.

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Bill Matthews, Senior Director, Financial Management and Analysis Sector, Office of the Comptroller General; Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General of Canada, Office of the Comptroller General.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General;
Frank Vandenhoven, Principal.

Sheila Fraser and Charles-Antoine St-Jean made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, September 28, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:24 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet and John Williams.

Acting Members present: Anthony Rota for Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Associate Members present: Harold Albrecht.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Chris Forbes, Director, Fiscal Policy Division, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada. Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Bill Matthews, Senior Director, Financial Management and Analysis Sector, Office of the Comptroller General; Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General of Canada, Office of the Comptroller General. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General; Frank Vandenhoven, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 2006

It was agreed, — That the Eight Report be presented to the House as agreed to by the Committee.

Sheila Fraser and Charles-Antoine St-Jean made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:54 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in camera.

The Committee examined its business and a draft report.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/29 12:07 p.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements on October 5, 2006, to provide a light lunch to a visiting delegation from Tanzania, and to members of the Committee.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report on the Auditor General of Canada's May 2006 Special Report (Government Decisions Limited Parliament's Control of Public Spending).

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/04 11:39 a.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, October 5, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Judy Sgro for Marcel Proulx, and Kevin Sorenson for Mike Lake.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, October 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:20 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Hon. Judy Sgro for Marcel Proulx and Kevin Sorenson for Mike Lake.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That a meeting of the steering Committee be held on Monday, October 16, 2006 the time and location to be determined after consultations with the Members.

It was agreed, — That the Department of National Defence be invited to appear before this Committee on Tuesday, October 17, 2006, at 3:15 p.m. for the study of Chapter 2 of the Auditor General Report on National Defence - Military Recruting and Retention.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report on the Auditor General of Canada's May 2006 Special Report (Government Decisions Limited Parliament's Control of Public Spending).

At 5:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/06 11:48 a.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 2 On National Defence - Military Recruiting and Retention of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet and John Williams.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Navdeep Bains for Borys' Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Brian O'Neal, Analyst;

Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:

BGen Linda J. Colwell, Director General, Personnel Generation Policy.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Wendy Loschiuk, Principal.

Department of National Defence:

Cmdre Roger J. MacIsaac, Director General, Recruiting.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General.

Department of National Defence:

RAdm Tyrone W.H. Pile, Chief, Military Personnel.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with the Wendy Loschiuk, answered questions.

RAdm Tyrone W.H. Pile made an opening statement and, with Cmdre Roger J. MacIsaac and BGen Linda J. Colwell, answered questions.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:22 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet and John Williams.

Acting Members present: Hon. Navdeep Bains for Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: BGen Linda J. Colwell, Director General, Personnel Generation Policy. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Wendy Loschiuk, Principal. Department of National Defence: Cmdre Roger J. MacIsaac, Director General, Recruiting. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General. Department of National Defence: RAdm Tyrone W.H. Pile, Chief, Military Personnel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 2 On National Defence - Military Recruiting and Retention of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

On motion of Jean-Yves Laforest, it was agreed, — That the Fifth Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be concurred in which reads as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Tuesday, October 16, 2006, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That a Review of the Roles and Responsabilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat be conducted, and that the proposed schedule be followed, provided that the witnesses on the study are organized into panels.

Proposed Schedule:

Study of Reports, Thursday, October 19 and Tuesday, October 24, 2006.

CCAF (Canadian Comprehensive Auditing Foundation), Thursday, October 26, 2006.

Review of the Roles and Responsabilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat, October 31, November 2, 7, 9, 21 and 23, 2006 or such shorter time as determined by the Committee.

Tabling of Auditor General's Report / November/ Chapter/ Tuesday, November 28, 2006.

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AG's Report / Chapter, November 30, December 5, 7, 12 and 14, 2006.

- 2. That a research be conducted to look into the structure, fonctions and resources of Public accounts Committees in the international scene, pertinent to the Westminster Parliamentary system.
- 3. That the Committee meeting time of 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. be maintained.
- 4. That a steering Committee meeting be held in two weeks time from today.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with the Wendy Loschiuk, answered questions.

RAdm Tyrone W.H. Pile made an opening statement and, with Cmdre Roger J. MacIsaac and BGen Linda J. Colwell, answered questions.

At 5:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/18 11:24 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, October 19, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Marcel Proulx, David Sweet and John Williams.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco for Yasmin Ratansi, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc for Borys Wrzesnewskyj, Marcel Lussier for Jean-Yves Laforest, John Maloney for Yasmin Ratansi, Chris Warkentin for Mike Lake, and Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Serge Ménard.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst.
Standing Committee on Public Accounts:
Alex Smith, Analyst.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, October 19, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:19 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Marcel Proulx, David Sweet and John Williams.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Yasmin Ratansi, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc for Borys Wrzesnewskyj, Marcel Lussier for Jean-Yves Laforest, John Maloney for Yasmin Ratansi, Chris Warkentin for Mike Lake and Jeff Watson for Pierre Poilievre.

Other Members present: Serge Ménard.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst. Standing Committee on Public Accounts: Alex Smith, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report on "Government Decisions Limited Parliament's Control of Public Spending".

At 4:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/24 3:56 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee commenced consideration of a briefing session by the Canadian Comprehensive Auditing Foundation on maximizing the effectiveness of Public Accounts Committees.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet and John Williams.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dawn Black for David Christopherson, and Sukh Dhaliwal for Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Comprehensive Auditing Foundation:
Geoffrey Dubrow, Director, Capacity Development.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:24 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet and John Williams.

Acting Members present: Dawn Black for David Christopherson and Sukh Dhaliwal for Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Comprehensive Auditing Foundation: Geoffrey Dubrow, Director, Capacity Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session by the Canadian Comprehensive Auditing Foundation on maximizing the effectiveness of Public Accounts Committees.

Mr. Fitzpatrick tabled documents related to the Ninth Report of the Committee on the Special Report of the auditor General of Canada of May 2006, Government Decisions Limited Parliament's Control of Public Spending.

Geoff Dubrow made a présentation and answered questions.

At 4:46 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:51 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in camera.

he Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

- Consideration of Draft Report no. 9
- Planning of Future business

It was agreed, — That the draft report (as amended) on the Special Report of the auditor General of Canada of May 2006, Government Decisions Limited Parliament's Control of Public Spending be adopted as the Ninth report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

That the Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes as necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

That the Chair be authorized to table the Report in the House.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report .

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/26 7:56 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, October 26, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Norman Doyle for Mike Lake.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, October 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:22 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Norman Doyle for Mike Lake.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 4: 00p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:06 p.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the dissenting opinion, as circulated, be appended to the 9th report after the signature of the Chair and that the opinion shall be in both official languages and no greater than two pages.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of draft report no. 10 on Chapter 4, Canadian Firearms Program of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/27 2:47 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Richard Nadeau,
Pierre Poilievre,
Marcel Proulx,
Yasmin Ratansi,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Dewar.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Rick Smith, Assistant Auditor General;
Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:21 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Other Members present: Paul Dewar.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Rick Smith, Assistant Auditor General; Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsabilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:27 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:32 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:01 p.m., the sitting resumed, in public.

David Christopherson moved, — That the clerk of the Committee do prepare a budget not exceeding \$25,000.00 for the purpose of retaining, according to all parliamentary guidelines and requirements, the services of Dr. C.E.S. Franks, to assist the Committee in its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 2.

At 5:06 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:07 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

• Consideration of Draft report no. 10 on Chapter 4, Canadian Firearms Programs of the May 2006

Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/01 1:55 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, November 2, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Richard Nadeau,
Pierre Poilievre,
Yasmin Ratansi,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Massimo Pacetti for Marcel Proulx, Joe Preston for Pierre Poilievre, and Kevin Sorenson for Brian Fitzpatrick.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Robert Fonberg, Senior Associate Secretary;
David Moloney, Senior Assistant Secretary, Expenditure
Management Sector;
John M. Morgan, Assistant Comptroller General;
Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General of Canada.

Mr. Robert Fonberg made an opening statement and, with Charles-Antoine St-Jean and David Moloney, answered questions.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, November 2, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:27 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Massimo Pacetti for Marcel Proulx, Joe Preston for Pierre Poilievre and Kevin Sorenson for Brian Fitzpatrick.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Robert Fonberg, Senior Associate Secretary; David Moloney, Senior Assistant Secretary, Expenditure Management Sector; John M. Morgan, Assistant Comptroller General; Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General of Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

Mr. Robert Fonberg made an opening statement and, with Charles-Antoine St-Jean and David Moloney, answered questions.

David Christopherson moved, — That, in relation to its study of the Review of the Roles and responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat, the Committee approve the proposed services contract budget with Dr. C.E.S. Franks for a maximum amount of \$ 24, 965.00 for the period of November 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007 and that the Chair present the said budget request to Liaison Committee.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 10; NAYS: 0.

At 4:54 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:55 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Sixth Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be concurred in which reads as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, October 30, 2006, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

That some Committee time be set aside to look into the Auditor General's Report on Plans and Priorities.

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That the Committee engage the services of Dr. C.E.S. Franks for a total amount not to exceed \$25 000.00 to assist the Committee in its study of the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

That the subject of additional information on Place Victoria in Montreal be brought up at the next meeting of the Steering Committee, following consultation with the Office of the Auditor General.

That the issue of contradictory testimonies between the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Gomery Commission be brought up at the next meeting of the Steering Committee, with any comments received from the Office of the Law Clerk.

Consideration of Draft Report no. 10 on Chapter 4, Canadian Firearms Program of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/06 1:49 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Massimo Pacetti for Marcel Proulx.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst;

Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Treasury Board Secretariat:

Ivan Blake, Executive Director; Wayne G. Wouters, Secretary;

Alister Smith, Assistant Secretary, Corporate Priorities and

Planning;

Linda Lizotte-MacPherson, Associate Secretary;

David Moloney, Senior Assistant Secretary.

Privy Council Office:

Marc O'Sullivan, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Senior Personel and Special Projects Secretariat;

Mr. Karl Salgo, Senior Officer.

Wayne Wouters made an opening statement and, with David Moloney and Linda Lizotte-MacPherson, answered questions.

Marc O'Sullivan made an opening statement and, with Alister Smith and Karl Salgo, answered questions.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:25 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Massimo Pacetti for Marcel Proulx.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: Treasury Board Secretariat: Ivan Blake, Executive Director; Wayne G. Wouters, Secretary; Alister Smith, Assistant Secretary, Corporate Priorities and Planning; Linda Lizotte-MacPherson, Associate Secretary; David Moloney, Senior Assistant Secretary. Privy Council Office: Marc O'Sullivan, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Senior Personel and Special Projects Secretariat; Mr. Karl Salgo.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

Wayne Wouters made an opening statement and, with David Moloney and Linda Lizotte-MacPherson, answered questions.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

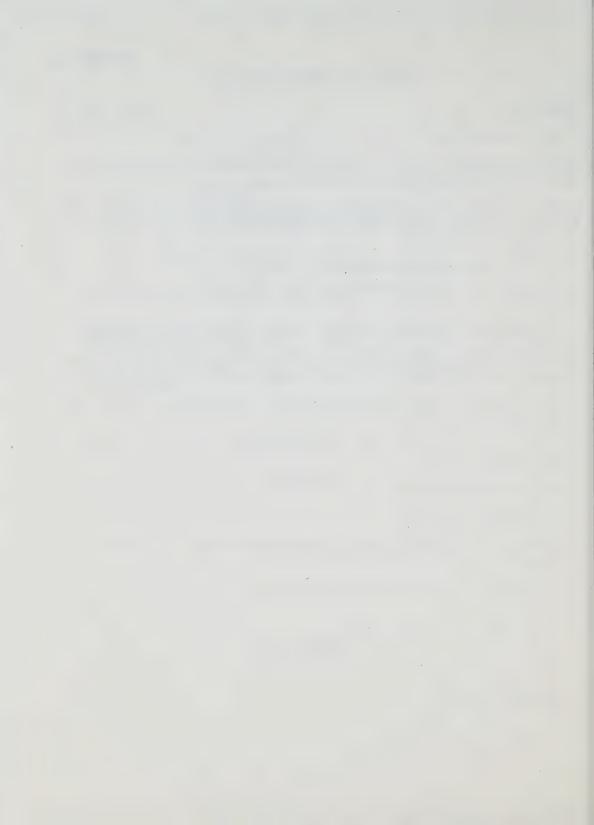
At 4:34 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Marc O'Sullivan made an opening statement and, with Alister Smith and Karl Salgo, answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/08 9:23 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, November 9, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Richard Nadeau,
Pierre Poilievre,
Marcel Proulx,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco for Yasmin Ratansi, and Mike Wallace for Brian Fitzpatrick.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Council of Ontario Universities: Ian Clark, President.

University of Ottawa:
Denis Desautels, Executive Director.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, November 9, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:21 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Yasmin Ratansi and Mike Wallace for Brian Fitzpatrick.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Council of Ontario Universities: Ian Clark, President. University of Ottawa: Denis Desautels, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

Ian Clark and Denis Desautels made an opening statement and answered questions.

On motion of David Sweet, it was agreed, — That the Treasury Board do provide to the Committee all the documentation that would represent the process of performance evaluation and review for deputy ministers.

At 4:28 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

• Consideration of Draft Report no. 10, Chapter 4 (Canadian Firearms Program).

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges, Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/10 11:22 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Richard Nadeau,
Pierre Poilievre,
Marcel Proulx,
Yasmin Ratansi,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:23 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, The Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Seventh report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be concurred in which reads as follows:

That a meeting of the Committee be held at the earliest opportunity to have Officials of the Department of Public Works and Government Services appear before the Committee on the subject of accommodation at Place Victoria, in Montreal.

That Dr. C.E.S. Franks should go ahead and prepare a Discussion Paper on the ongoing study of Roles and Responsibilities of the Secretariat of the Treasury Board and that he could have informal discussions with officials of the Treasury Board to that effect.

At 3:48 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:49 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That the evidence and documentation presented to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts during the hearings on the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General, chapters 3, 4 and 5 as well as the testimony of Charles Guité on July 9, 2002, meeting no. 64 of the 1st Session of the 37th Parliament, be deemed received by this Committee in this session.

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, — That the Committee request the Library of Parliament to draft a comparative report on discrepancies in the testimony of those individuals who appeared before both the Committee's hearings on the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General as well as the testimony of Charles Guité on July 9, 2002, meeting no. 64 of the 1st Session of the 37th Parliament and before the Gomery Commission and,

That the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel of the House of Commons do provide the Committee with guidance on a legal issue related to the evidence contained in this comparative report.

At 3:59 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:00 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

It was agreed, — That the draft report (as amended) on the Status Report of the auditor General of Canada of May 2006, on Chapter 4 (Canadian Firearms Program) be adopted as the Tenth report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

That the Clerk and analysts be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes as necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

That the Chair be authorized to table the Report in the House.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report.

It was agreed, — That a dissenting opinion be appended to the 10th Report after the signature of the Chair and that the opinion shall be in both official languages and no greater than two pages, and shall be filed with the Clerk of the Committee no later than a week from today.

The Committee commenced consideration of draft report no. 11, Chapter 2 (National Defence - Military Recruiting and Retention).

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/23 8:51 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, November 23, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Russ Hiebert for John Williams, and John Maloney for Marcel Proulx.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Alex Smith, Analyst;
Brian O'Neal, Analyst.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, November 23, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:18 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Russ Hiebert for John Williams and John Maloney for Marcel Proulx.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alex Smith, Analyst; Brian O'Neal, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

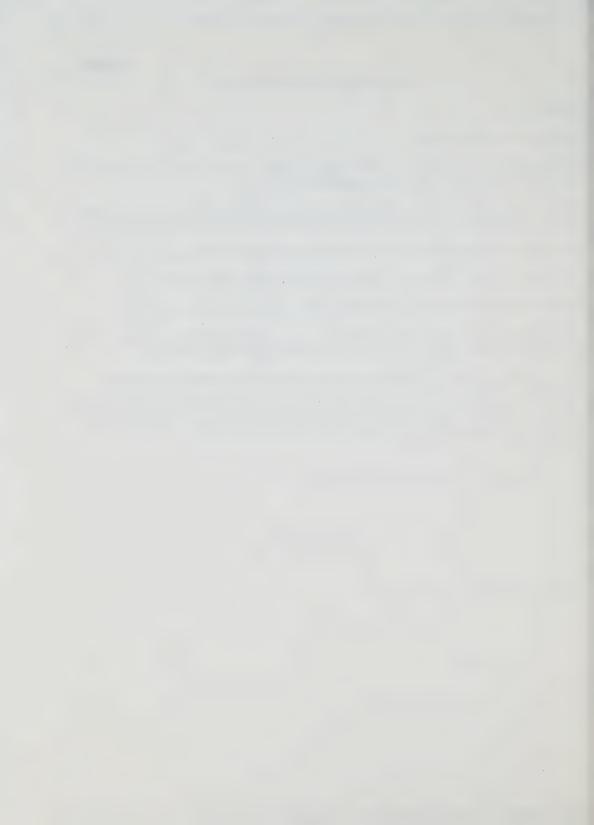
The Committee resumed consideration of draft report no. 11, Chapter 2 (National Defence - Military Recruiting and Retention) and of draft report no. 12, Public Accounts of Canada 2006.

It was agreed, — That every time that a witness who, during his or her appearance before the Committee, following questioning, has made an undertaking to provide information, documentation or any other evidence requested by Members do not follow up with this undertaking within a reasonable time, he or she will be recalled before the Committee, after having been reminded by staff of the undertaking, to explain why they have not provided the requested information, documentation or evidence.

At 4:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/24 1:49 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:
Arthur Kroeger.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:27 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Arthur Kroeger.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Arthur Kroeger made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:32 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee resumed consideration of draft report no. 11, Chapter 2, National Defence - Military Recruiting and Retention of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the final report (as amended) on Chapter 2, National Defence – Military Recruiting and Retention, of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada be adopted as the Eleventh report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

That the Clerk be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes including the approved ones as necessary, without changing the substance of the Report.

That the Chair be authorised to table the Report in the House.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report.

The Committee resumed consideration of draft report no. 12 on Public Accounts of Canada 2006.

It was agreed, — That the final report (as amended) on Public Accounts of Canada 2006 be adopted as the Twelfth report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

That the Clerk be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes including the approved

ones as necessary, without changing the substance of the Report.

That the Chair be authorised to table the Report in the House.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report.

At 5:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/29 3:15 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Schellenberger for John Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General;
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General;
Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with Bruce Sloan, answered questions.



Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:44 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Gary Schellenberger for John Williams.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General; Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on November 28, 2006.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with Bruce Sloan, answered questions.

Mr. Christopherson gave notice of the following motion: That the government provide a representative to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to explain the investigation process, timelines and results regarding the leaked Auditor General reports of May 14, 2006 and November 8, 2006.

At 5:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:39 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the minutes of the Sub-committee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be agreed to and that the proposed agenda for the study of the Auditor General's Report of November 2006, Matters of Special Importance be the Committe's work agenda, with some flexibility due to unforseen circumstances and the availability of witnesses.

- 1. Chapter 5, Relocating Members of the Canadian Forces, RCMP, and Federal Public Service (2 meetings)
- 2. Chapter 8, Allocating Funds to Regulatory Programs—Health Canada
- 3. Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration—Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- 4. Chapter 1, Expenditure Management System at the Government Centre (2 meetings) and

Chapter 2, Expenditure Management System in Departments

- 5. Chapter 3, Large Information Technology
- 6. Chapter 10, Award and Management of a Health Benefits Contract—Public Works and Government Services Canada and Health Canada
- 7. Chapter 11, Protection of Public Assets—Office of the Correctional Investigator .

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses be invited to appear before the Committee on December 12, 2006 on the examination of Chapter 5 of the Auditor's General Report:

Mr. Raymond Belair from Royal Lepage

Mr. Bruce Atyeo from Envoy.

At 6:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/06 4:06 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, December 7, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 5, Relocating Members of the Canadian Forces, RCMP, and Federal Public Service of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Richard Nadeau,
Pierre Poilievre,
Marcel Proulx,
Yasmin Ratansi,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynne Yelich for Mike Lake.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Brian O'Neal, Analyst;

Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Public Works and Government Services Canada:
Ian Bennett, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Acquisitions;
Richard Goodfellow, Manager, Project Delivery Services Division.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General.

Treasury Board Secretariat:

Dan Danagher, Executive Director, Labour Relations and Compensation Operations.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada.

Department of National Defence:

RAdm Tyrone W.H. Pile, Chief, Military Personnel.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:
Alain Séguin, Assistant Commissioner, Finances.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Bruce Sloan, Principal.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement statement and, with Bruce Sloan, answered questions.

Ian Bennett made an opening statement and, with Tyrone Pile, Richard Goodfellow and Alain Séguin, answered questions.



Meeting No. 32

Thursday, December 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Lynne Yelich for Mike Lake.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Public Works and Government Services Canada: Ian Bennett, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Acquisitions; Richard Goodfellow, Manager, Project Delivery Services Division. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General. Treasury Board Secretariat: Dan Danagher, Executive Director, Labour Relations and Compensation Operations. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada. Department of National Defence: RAdm Tyrone W.H. Pile, Chief, Military Personnel. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Alain Séguin, Assistant Commissioner, Finances. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Bruce Sloan, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 5, Relocating Members of the Canadian Forces, RCMP, and Federal Public Service of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement statement and, with Bruce Sloan, answered questions.

Ian Bennett made an opening statement and, with Tyrone Pile, Richard Goodfellow and Alain Séguin, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, on motion of David Sweet, it was agreed, — That the results of the internal investigation into potential conflict of interest at Public Works and Government Services Canada surrounding the awarding of the second Integrated Relocation Program Contract, be made available to the Committee no later than Monday, December 11, 2006.

At 5:10 p.m., Brian Fitzpatrick took the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

2006/12/08 2:20 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 5, Relocating Members of the Canadian Forces, RCMP, and Federal Public Service of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Richard Nadeau,
Pierre Poilievre,
Marcel Proulx,
Yasmin Ratansi,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Art Hanger for Pierre Poilievre.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

ENVOY Relocation Services Inc.: Bruce Atyeo, President.

Royal Lepage: Raymond Bélair.

Public Works and Government Services Canada:
Ian Bennett, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Acquisitions.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General.

Public Works and Government Services Canada:
Richard Goodfellow, Manager, Project Delivery Services Division.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Bruce Sloan, Principal.

Public Works and Government Services Canada: Ellen Stensholt, Senior General Counsel, Legal Services.



Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Art Hanger for Pierre Poilievre.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: ENVOY Relocation Services Inc.: Bruce Atyeo, President. Royal Lepage: Raymond Bélair. Public Works and Government Services Canada: Ian Bennett, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Acquisitions. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General. Public Works and Government Services Canada: Richard Goodfellow, Manager, Project Delivery Services Division. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Bruce Sloan, Principal. Public Works and Government Services Canada: Ellen Stensholt, Senior General Counsel, Legal Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 5, Relocating Members of the Canadian Forces, RCMP, and Federal Public Service of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

John Williams moved, — That the Committee rescind its decision to hear witnesses from Royal Lepage and Envoy adopted on December 5, 2006.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams — 5; NAYS: David Christopherson, Jean-Yves Laforest, Richard Nadeau, Marcel Proulx, Yasmin Ratansi, Borys Wrzesnewskyj — 6.

Raymond Bélair made an opening statement and answered questions.

Bruce Atyeo made an opening statement and answered questions.

Ian Bennett, Richard Goodfellow, Ronnie Campbell, Bruce Sloan and Ellen Stensholt answered questions.

Borys Wrzesnewskyj moved, — In 2006 both Auditor General reports have been leaked prior to public release. This is both unprecedented and undermines the integrity of parliament's ability to hold government to account.

Section 4 (1) (a) of the Security of Information Act deals with Miscellaneous Offences; specifically with Wrongful communication of information. The Act states that:

Every person is guilty of an offence under this Act who:

(a) communicates the code word, password, sketch, plan, model, article, note, document or information to any person, other than a person to whom he is authorized to communicate with, or a person to whom it is in the interest of the State his duty to communicate it;

Given the serious breaches that have occurred with both the Reports of the Auditor General of Canada to the House of Commons 2006 and due to the serious implications of these leaks; that the Public Accounts Committee ask for an investigation into the leaks of both of the Auditor General's most recent reports, May and November 2006 by the RCMP.

Debate arose thereon.

Mr. John William raised a point of order concerning the power / mandate of the Committee to ask the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to conduct an investigation.

After debate, the Chair took the point of order under advisement and promised to get back to the Committee with a ruling after consultations and further research.

David Christopherson moved, — That the government provide a representative to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to explain the investigation process, timelines and results regarding the leaked Auditor General reports of May 14, 2006 and November 8, 2006.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 3.

Mr. Borys Wrzesnewskyj gave notice of a motion related to the study of Chapter 9 of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada on November 28, 2006.

At 5:36 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:41 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee make the necessary consultations and arrangements for the Committee to hold meetings prior to the House resuming its sittings after the Holidays recess, on January 22 and 23, 2007, and that those meetings be of three hours long each.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hold at least one more meeting on Chapter 5, of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada, on Relocation, and that the Deputy Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada, Mr. Marshall, be present, along with a representative of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a representative of the Treasury Board, Rear Admiral Pile of the Department of National Defence, and the individuals whose names appears on the list of the 2002 Interdepartmental Committee Members:

- Zenovia Pankiw, Senior Program/Policy Analyst, Safety, Health & Employee Services, Treasury Board Secretariat
- LColonel Jacques Taillefer, Directorate Compensation and Benefits Administration, Department of National Defence

- Frank Deleseleuc, Director Financial Policy, Royal Canadian Mounted
- and on the 2004 Interdepartmental Committee Members:
- Richard Goodfellow, Contracting Authority, Manager, Professional Services Procurement Directorate, Public Works and Government Services Canada
- Ram Singh, Project Authority, Senior Financial and Business Systems Analyst, Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat
- LColonel Jacques Taillefer, Directorate Compensation and Benefits Administration, Department of National Defence
- Major JD. D'Amours de Courberon, Directorate Compensation & Benefits Administration 2 Travel and Relocations, Department of National Defence.

It was agreed, — That the following documents:

- Investigative Report (Final) Envoy Relocation Services, Complaint of improprieties, September 24, 2003:
- Investigative Report (addendum 1) Envoy Relocation Services, Complaint of impropreties, September 10, 2003

requested by the Committee be provided to the Committee with no conditions or strings attached and that they will be examined at a public meeting; failing that, the Committee intends to explore other ways and means to summon those documents.

At 6:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/15 11:04 a.m.





HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 34

Monday, January 29, 2007



ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 5, Relocating Members of the Canadian Forces, RCMP, and Federal Public Service of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, David Sweet and John Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; Bruce Sloan, Principal.

Public Works and Government Services Canada:

David Marshall, Deputy Minister;

Richard Goodfellow, Manager, Project Delivery Services Division; Ian Bennett, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Acquisitions Branch;

Liliane Saint Pierre, Executive Director, Acquisitions Operations; Ellen Stensholt, Senior General Counsel, Legal Services.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Alain Séguin, Assistant Commissioner, Finances.

Department of National Defence:

RAdm Tyrone W.H. Pile, Chief, Military Personnel; Denis D'Amours de Courberon, Acting Comptroller, Chief, Military Personnel.

Treasury Board Secretariat:

Dan Danagher, Executive Director, Labour Relations and Compensation Operations;

D. Ram Singh, Senior Financial and Business Systems Analyst, Project Authority Integrated Relocation Program, Labour Relations & Compensation Operations.

Royal Lepage:

Graham Badun, President.

Envoy Relocation Services Inc.:

Bruce Atyeo, President.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with David Marshall, Graham Badun, Tyrone W.H. Pile, Alain Séguin, Dan Danagher, Richard Goodfellow and Bruce Atyeo, answered questions.



Meeting No. 34

Monday, January 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Marcel Proulx, David Sweet and John Williams.

Acting Members present:

Paule Brunelle for Richard Nadeau

Pablo Rodriguez for Yasmin Ratansi

Judy Sgro for Borys Wrzesnewskyj

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; Bruce Sloan, Principal. Public Works and Government Services Canada: David Marshall, Deputy Minister; Richard Goodfellow, Manager, Project Delivery Services Division; Ian Bennett, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Acquisitions Branch; Liliane Saint Pierre, Executive Director, Acquisitions Operations; Ellen Stensholt, Senior General Counsel, Legal Services. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Alain Séguin, Assistant Commissioner, Finances. Department of National Defence: RAdm Tyrone W.H. Pile, Chief, Military Personnel; Denis D'Amours de Courberon, Acting Comptroller, Chief, Military Personnel. Treasury Board Secretariat: Dan Danagher, Executive Director, Labour Relations and Compensation Operations; D. Ram Singh, Senior Financial and Business Systems Analyst, Project Authority Integrated Relocation Program, Labour Relations & Compensation Operations. Royal Lepage: Graham Badun, President. Envoy Relocation Services Inc.: Bruce Atyeo, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 5, Relocating Members of the Canadian Forces, RCMP, and Federal Public Service of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with David Marshall, Graham Badun, Tyrone W.H. Pile, Alain Séguin, Dan Danagher, Richard Goodfellow and Bruce Atyeo, answered questions.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That the Committee sit *in camera* to hear Mr. Marshall on the cost of retendering the process of the request for proposal for Relocating Members of the Canadian Forces, RCMP, and Federal Public Service.

At 6:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:19 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee continued consideration of Chapter 5, Relocating Members of the Canadian Forces, RCMP, and Federal Public Service of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

At 6:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/01/31 10:10 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 35

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
David Sweet
and John Williams.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Anita Neville for Borys Wrzesnewskyj, Rick Norlock for Mike Lake, Hon. Raymond Simard for Borys Wrzesnewskyj, and Kevin Sorenson for Mike Lake.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Department of Public Works and Government Services:

Mario Arès, Regional Manager, Assets and Facilities Management.

Infrastructure Canada:

Carol Beal, Assistant Deputy Minister, Program Operations
Branch

Canada Economic Development:

Michelle d'Auray, President.

As an Individual:

Ned Franks, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Queen's University.

Department of Public Works and Government Services:

David Marshall, Deputy Minister;

Tim McGrath, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Real Property Branch.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Bruce Sloan, Principal.

David Marshall made an opening statement and, with Michelle D'Auray, Mario Arès, Tim McGrath, Bruce Sloan and Carol Beal, answered questions.



Meeting No. 35

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Paule Brunelle, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet and John Williams.

Acting Members present: Hon. Anita Neville for Borys Wrzesnewskyj, Rick Norlock for Mike Lake, Hon. Raymond Simard for Borys Wrzesnewskyj and Kevin Sorenson for Mike Lake.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst. House of Commons: Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Department of Public Works and Government Services: Mario Arès, Regional Manager, Assets and Facilities Management. Infrastructure Canada: Carol Beal, Assistant Deputy Minister, Program Operations Branch. Canada Economic Development: Michelle D' Auray, President. As an individual: Ned Franks, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Queen's University. Department of Public Works and Government Services: David Marshall, Deputy Minister; Tim McGrath, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Real Property Branch. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Bruce Sloan, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

David Marshall made an opening statement and, with Michelle D'Auray, Mario Arès, Tim McGrath, Bruce Sloan and Carol Beal, answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:40 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

At 6:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/01 2:53 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 36

Monday, February 5, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of inquiry into leaks over the Auditor General's reports .

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(7), the Committee commenced consideration of the Report on Plans and Priorities 2006-2007 of the Office of the Auditor General.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

House of Commons:
Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General;
Rick Smith, Assistant Auditor General;
John Wiersema, Deputy Auditor General;
Jean Landry, Acting Controller.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:
Brian Aiken, Chief Audit Executive.

Department of Public Works and Government Services:

Daphne Meredith, Associate Deputy Minister.

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:

Alister Smith, Assistant Secretary, Corporate Priorities, Planning and Policy Renewal Sector;

Coleen Volk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with John Wiersema, answered questions.



Meeting No. 36

Monday, February 5, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Paule Brunelle, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; Rick Smith, Assistant Auditor General; John Wiersema, Deputy Auditor General; Jean Landry, Acting Controller. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Brian Aiken, Chief Audit Executive. Department of Public Works and Government Services: Daphne Meredith, Associate Deputy Minister. Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat: Alister Smith, Assistant Secretary, Corporate Priorities, Planning and Policy Renewal Sector; Coleen Volk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair proceeded to give a ruling on the motion of Mr. Wrzesnewskyj moved on December 12, 2006:

In 2006 both Auditor General reports have been leaked prior to public release. This is both unprecedented and undermines the integrity of parliament's ability to hold government to account.

Section 4 (1) (a) of the Security of Information Act deals with Miscellaneous Offences; specifically with Wrongful communication of information. The Act states that:

Every person is guilty of an offence under this Act who:

(a) communicates the code word, password, sketch, plan, model, article, note, document or information to any person, other than a person to whom he is authorized to communicate with, or a person to whom it is in the interest of the State his duty to communicate it;

Given the serious breaches that have occurred with both the Reports of the Auditor General of Canada to the House of Commons 2006 and due to the serious implications of these leaks I move that the Public Accounts Committee ask for an investigation into the leaks of both of the Auditor General's most recent reports, May and November 2006 by the RCMP.

The motion was declared irrecevable.

Jean-Yves Laforest moved, — In light of the testimony the Committee heard on December 12, 2006,

and January 29, 2007, including that of Raymond Bélair, Vice-President and General Manager of Royal Lepage Relocation Services, and Graham Badun, President of Royal LePage, and in order to explain to us the role she played as a lobbyist for Royal LePage Relocation Services, and thereby to explain the issue of registering in the Lobbyists Registry, it is proposed that:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(1), the Public Accounts Committee call Sandra Buckler to appear as a witness as soon as possible .

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 9.

Borys Wrzesnewskyj moved, — In order to ensure that the Public Accounts Committee has complete documentation to prepare for the upcoming meetings on Chapter 9 of the Auditor General's Report of November 2006 – Pension and Insurance Administration – Royal Canadian Mounted Police, I move that the following documents be presented to the Committee for their review:

- The Internal Audit of the RCMP 2003 concerning irregularities with the RCMP pension fund;
- Commissioner Zaccardelli's complete file on the initial criminal investigation into the pension fund irregularities of May 28, 2003 and the accompanying documentation which justified the termination of said investigation;
- The report of the Ottawa Police Services (OPS) 2005 regarding the second criminal investigation into pension and life insurance irregularities as well as the conclusions, the reasons for shutting down the second criminal investigation, why further actions were not taken; and
- Any documentation pertaining to why, disciplinary action against nine regular and civilian members identified in the OPS report and further warranted by a disciplinary investigation of the RCMP, was eventually not pursued sighting that too much time had elapsed .

Debate arose thereon.

John Williams moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting the last three paragraphs and replacing them with the following: "That the acting RCMP Commissioner and the Chief of Ottawa Police be invited to appear before this Committee to provide information on why further actions were not taken and why no disciplinary action was not pursued".

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of John Williams and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That the Eight Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee of Public Accounts be adopted, and it reads as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, February 5, 2007, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That, the proposed schedule for the months of February and March 2007 be the working schedule for the Committee.

2. That, Mr. André Gladu, former Deputy Minister of Economic Development Agency for the Regions of Ouebec be invited to appear before the Committee to answer some concerns that the Committee has on the subject of Place Victoria in Montreal and that a letter containing a list of the Committee's concerns by addressed to Mr. Gladu for a written answer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of the inquiry into leaks over the Auditor General's reports.

Sheila Fraser and Alister Smith made opening statements and, with Daphne Meredith and Brian Aiken, answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(7), the Committee commenced consideration of the Report on Plans and Priorities 2006-2007 of the Office of the Auditor General.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with John Wiersema, answered questions.

Mr. Wrzesnewskyj tabled the following documents:

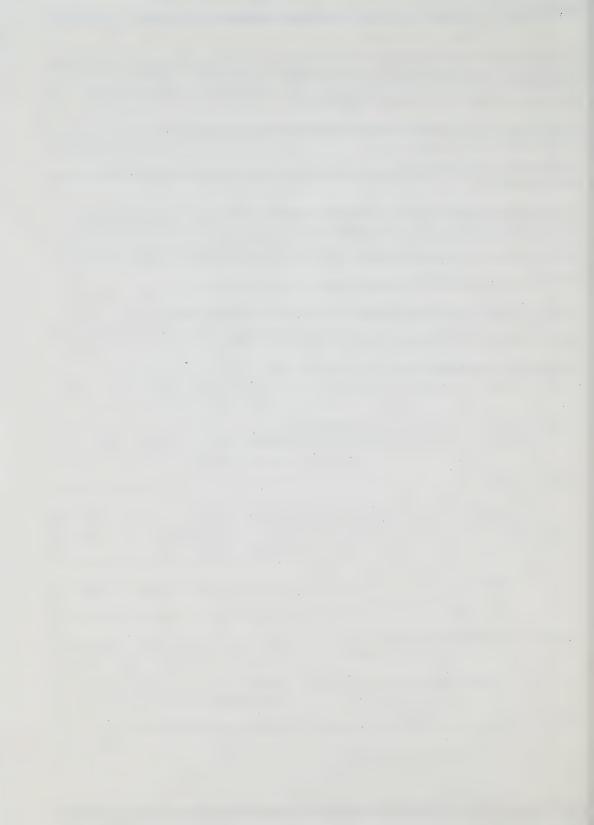
- Copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Zaccardeli, RCMP Commissioner, dated May 23, 2006;
- Copy of the reply of Mr. Zaccardeli to that letter, dated June 9, 2006.

At 6:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/07 11:17 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 37

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of the report on discrepancies in the testimonies of individuals who appeared before both the Committee and before the Gomery Commission.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
Pablo Rodriguez,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Epp for Mike Lake, Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Hon. Judy Sgro, and Mike Wallace for Pierre Poilievre.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel; Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).



Meeting No. 37

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Paule Brunelle, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Mike Lake, Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Hon. Judy Sgro and Mike Wallace for Pierre Poilievre.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: House of Commons: Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel; Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of the report on discrepancies in the testimonies of individuals who appeared before both the Committee and before the Gomery Commission.

Rob Walsh and Gregory Tardi made opening statements and answered questions.

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, — That the Deputy Minister of Health Canada, the Accouting Officer, be invited to appear before the Committee on February 12, 2007, at 3:30 p.m. for the purpose of the Committee's study of Chapter 8, Allocating funds to Regulatory Programs of the Auditor General's Report of November 2006.

At 4:48 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:58 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

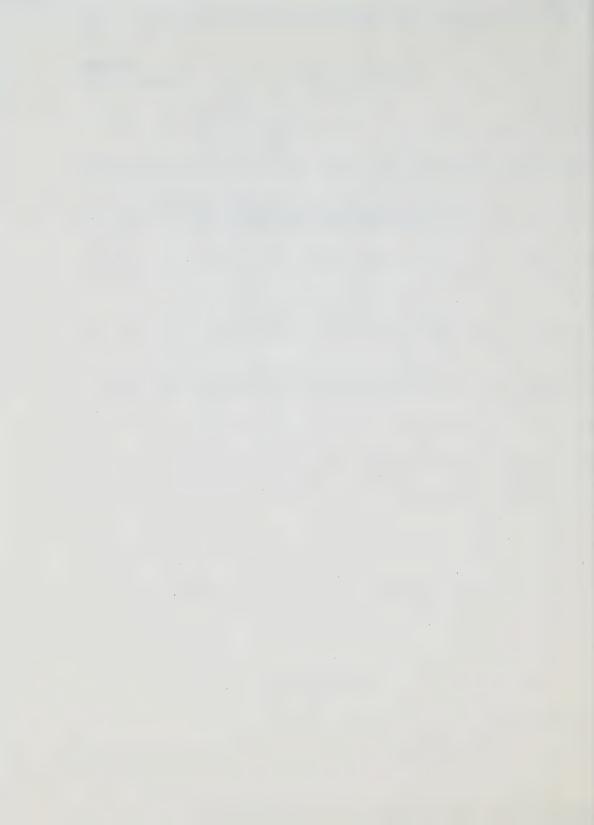
The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 38

Monday, February 12, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 8, Allocating Funds to Regulatory Programs - Health Canada of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:
Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk.
Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General;
Louise Dubé, Principal.

Department of Health:

Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister; Susan Cartwright, Associate Deputy Minister; Neil Yeates, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Susan Fletcher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Richard Charlebois, Director General, Financial Operations Directorate (FOD).

Morris Rosenberg made an opening statement and, with Susan Fletcher, Neil Yeates and Susan Cartwright, answered questions.



Meeting No. 38

Monday, February 12, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Paule Brunelle, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: House of Commons: Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk. Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; Louise Dubé, Principal. Department of Health: Morris Rosenberg, Deputy Minister; Susan Cartwright, Associate Deputy Minister; Neil Yeates, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Products and Food Branch; Susan Fletcher, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Richard Charlebois, Director General, Financial Operations Directorate (FOD).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 8, Allocating Funds to Regulatory Programs - Health Canada of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Borys Wrzesnewskyj gave notice of a motion.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and answered questions.

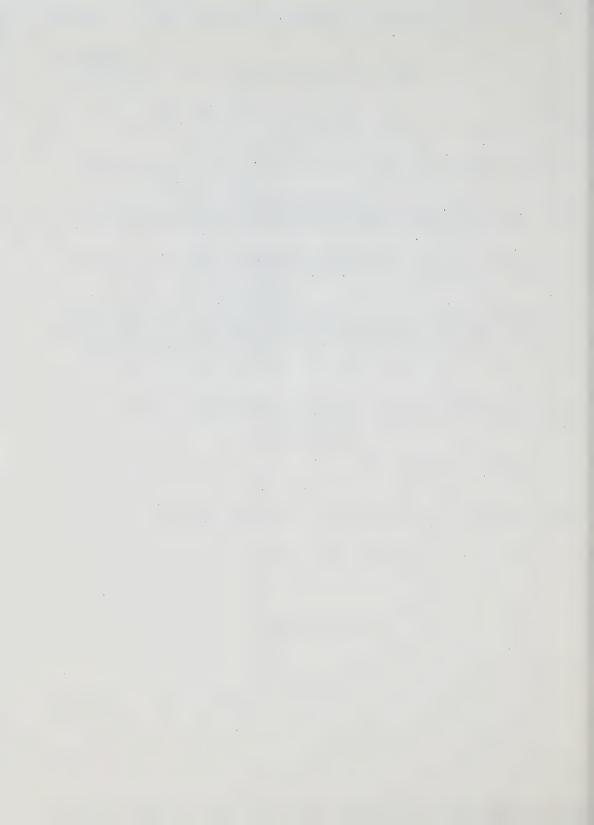
Morris Rosenberg made an opening statement and, with Susan Fletcher, Neil Yeates and Susan Cartwright, answered questions.

At 5:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/13 3:04 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the February 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
Pablo Rodriguez,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Goodyear for Mike Lake, and Hon. John McCallum for Hon. Judy Sgro.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Nancy Cheng, Assistant Auditor General;
Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General;
Andrew Lennox, Assistant Auditor General;
Lyse Ricard, Assistant Auditor General.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with Richard Flageole and Nancy Cheng, answered questions.



Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Paule Brunelle, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Gary Goodyear for Mike Lake and Hon. John McCallum for Hon. Judy Sgro.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Nancy Cheng, Assistant Auditor General; Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General; Andrew Lennox, Assistant Auditor General; Lyse Ricard, Assistant Auditor General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the February 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with Richard Flageole and Nancy Cheng, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Borys Wrzesnewskyj moved, — That, in order to ensure that the Public Accounts Committee is fully able to get to the bottom of the serious criminal issues surround the findings of the Auditor General in Chapter 9 of the Auditor General's Report of November 2006 – Pension and Insurance Administration – Royal Canadian Mounted Police, I move that the following persons be asked to appears as witnesses before the Public Accounts Committee on February 19, 2007:

Staff/Sergeant Ron Lewis (Retired)

Denise Revine (Public Service Employee) - RCMP

Chief Superintendent Fraser Macaulay (RCMP)

Staff Sergeant Steve Walker (RCMP)

Staff Sergeant Mike Frizzell (RCMP)

A/Comm. David Gork.

Debate arose thereon.

It was agreed, — That the motion be amended by deleting the words "criminal issues surround" and replacing them with the following "issues surrounding".

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

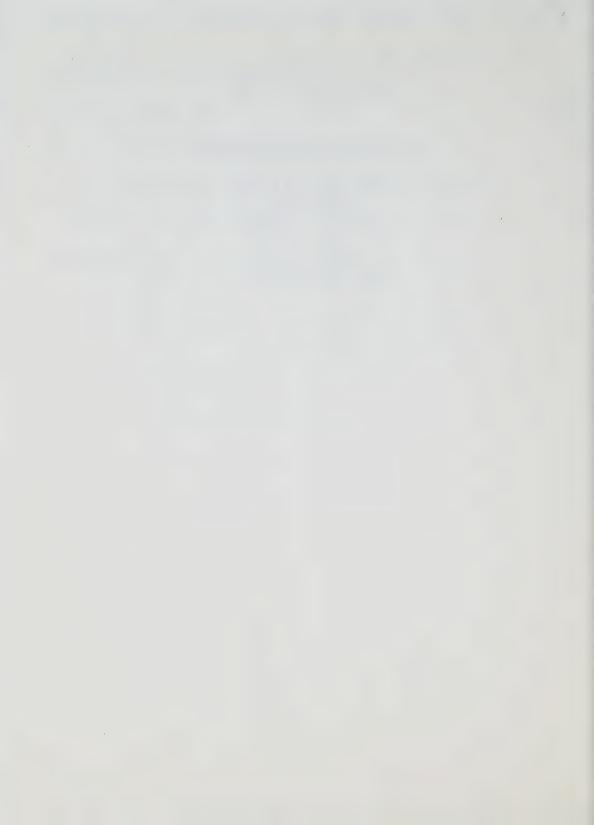
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Meeting No. 40

Monday, February 19, 2007

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Meeting No. 40

Monday, February 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Paule Brunelle, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: House of Commons: Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of a draft Report on leaks over the Auditor General's reports.

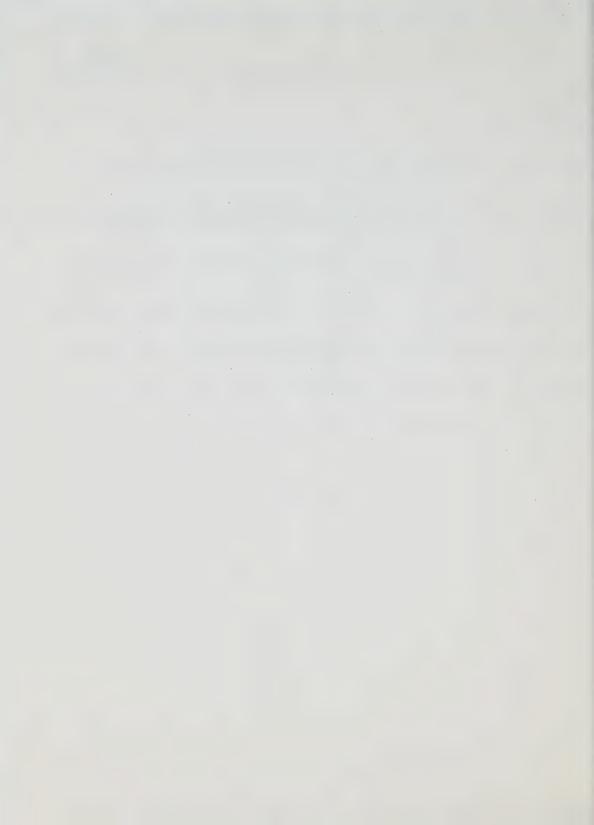
Pursuant to Standing Order 81(7), the Committee commenced consideration of a draft Report on Plans and Priorities 2006-2007 of the Office of the Auditor General.

It was agreed, — That the consideration of the draft Report be suspended pending some information requested by Members.

At 5:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/21 2:44 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 41

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Nadeau for Jean-Yves Laforest.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Brian O'Neal, Analyst;

Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General;

Gordon Stock, Principal.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Beverley Busson, Commissioner;

Barbara George, Deputy Commissioner, Human Resources;

Paul Gauvin, Deputy Commissioner, Corporate Management and

Comptrollership;

Brian Aiken, Chief Audit Executive.

Ottawa Police Service:

Vince Bevan, Chief;

Vince Westwick, Consellor.

Treasury Board Secretariat:

Phil Charko, Assistant Secretary, Pensions and Benefits Sector.

Beverley Busson made an opening statement and, with Barbara George, answered questions.



Meeting No. 41

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Paule Brunelle, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borvs Wrzesnewskyi.

Acting Members present: Richard Nadeau for Jean-Yves Laforest.

In attendance: House of Commons: Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk. Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General; Gordon Stock, Principal. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Beverley Busson, Commissioner; Barbara George, Deputy Commissioner, Human Resources; Paul Gauvin, Deputy Commissioner, Corporate Management and Comptrollership; Brian Aiken, Chief Audit Executive. Ottawa Police Service: Vince Bevan, Chief; Vince Westwick, Consellor. Treasury Board Secretariat: Phil Charko, Assistant Secretary, Pensions and Benefits Sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Hugh McRoberts made an opening statement and answered questions.

Beverley Busson made an opening statement and, with Barbara George, answered questions.

Vince Bevan made an opening statement and answered questions.

Phil Charko and Brian Aiken answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Judy Sgro, it was agreed, — That the Ninth Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be concurred in, wich reads as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, February 19, 2007, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That, following the tabling of the Auditor General's Status Report of February 13, 2007 and the choices of Chapters by Committee Members, that the first three chapters on the submitted list be added to the Agenda of the Committee, and if time permits, the Fourth Chapter may be studied.

- 2. That Ms. Janice Cochrane, former Deputy Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada be invited to appear at the same time as Mr. André Gladu, former Deputy Minister of Development Economic Canada to answer questions about Place Victoria, in Montreal.
- 3. That the document produced by Dr. Ned Franks for the Committee, "A protocol for the Appearance of Accounting Officers as witnesses before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts" be made available to the Treasury Board Secretariat and to the Privy Council Office for examination and comments to the Committee before March 12, 2007 at the latest. That on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, the Protocol will be presented to the Committee for adoption as the interim protocol governing the appearance of Accounting Officers before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, with the following motion:

That the Protocol for appearance of Accounting Officers before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, be adopted by this Committee as the interim protocol governing the appearance of Accounting Officers before this Committee pending the adoption of a final Protocol.

- 4. That the Committee do examine the possibility of inviting the Treasury Officer of Accounts from Great Britain to make presentation to the Committee on his duties and responsibilities with regard to Accounting Officers and the relationship between Accounting Officers, and the United Kingdom's Public Accounts Committee.
- 5. That an extra hour be added to the normal two hours meeting time of the Committee, to hear Mr. André Gladu and Ms. Janice Cochrane on Place Victoria, once the Clerk has come to an agreement on the date of appearance with the witnesses.

Mr. Borys Wrzesnewskyj tabled the following documents:

Copy of Memo on Non-disclosure Order;

Copy of e-mail on RCMP/PAC Meeting.

Mr. Borys Wrzesnewskyj gave notice of a motion.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/22 2:44 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 42

Monday, February 26, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 1, Expenditure Management System at the Government Centre of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yasmin Ratansi for Pablo Rodriguez.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:
Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk.
Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General;
Tom Wileman, Principal;
Richard Domingue, Director.

Treasury Board Secretariat:
Wayne G. Wouters, Secretary;

David Moloney, Senior Assistant Secretary, Expenditure Management Sector.

Sheila Fraser and Wayne Wouters made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.



Meeting No. 42

Monday, February 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Paule Brunelle, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Yasmin Ratansi for Pablo Rodriguez.

In attendance: House of Commons: Graeme Truelove, Committee Clerk. Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General; Tom Wileman, Principal; Richard Domingue, Director. Treasury Board Secretariat: Wayne G. Wouters, Secretary; David Moloney, Senior Assistant Secretary, Expenditure Management Sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 1, Expenditure Management System at the Government Centre and Chapter 2, Expenditure Management System in Departments of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Sheila Fraser and Wayne Wouters made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Borys Wrzesnewskyj moved, — That in order to ensure that the Public Accounts Committee is fully able to get to the bottom of the serious issues surrounding the findings of the Auditor General in Chapter 9 of the Auditor General's Report of November 2006 – Pension and Insurance Administration – Royal Canadian Mounted Police, that the following persons be asked to appear as witnesses before the Public Accounts Committee on February 28, 2007:

Staff/Sergeant Ron Lewis (Retired)

Denise Revine (Public Service Employee) – RCMP

Chief Superintendent Fraser Macaulay (RCMP)

Staff Sergeant Steve Walker (RCMP)

Staff Sergeant Mike Frizzell (RCMP)

A/Comm. David Gork.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by deleting the words "February 28" and by replacing them with the following "March 28".

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

At 5:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/27 3:55 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 43

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 1, Expenditure Management System at the Government Centre of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General; Tom Wileman, Principal; Richard Domingue, Director.

Treasury Board Secretariat:

Wayne G. Wouters, Secretary; David Moloney, Senior Assistant Secretary, Expenditure Management Sector.



Meeting No. 43

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Paule Brunelle, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pablo Rodriguez, Hon. Judy Sgro, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General; Tom Wileman, Principal; Richard Domingue, Director. Treasury Board Secretariat: Wayne G. Wouters, Secretary; David Moloney, Senior Assistant Secretary, Expenditure Management Sector.

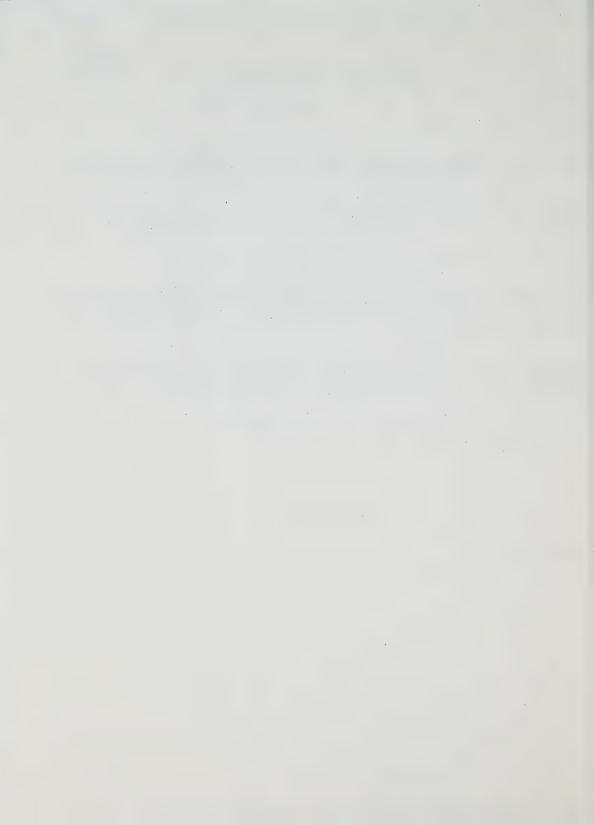
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 1, Expenditure Management System at the Government Centre and Chapter 2, Expenditure Management System in Departments of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Sheila Fraser, Wayne Wouters and David Moloney answered questions.

At 4:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/05 9:51 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 44

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Epp for Mike Lake.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

André Gladu; Ned Franks, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Queen's University.



Meeting No. 44

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Paule Brunelle, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Mike Lake.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: André Gladu; Ned Franks, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Queen's University.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

André Gladu made an opening statement and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, — That the Tenth Report on the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be agreed to and which reads as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, March 19, 2007, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. That the Library of Parliament do examine the possibilities of having experts to study the issue of statutory and delegated responsibilities and the contracts that are made under these statutory responsibilities, namely under the Financial Administration Act, the Public Service Staff Relations Act, the Official Languages Act, the Federal Accountability Act, and any other Act, of Accounting Officers and others. For this purpose, the Committee is asking the Library of Parliament to probe the market and provide the Committee with names of three or four individuals who would have this expertise.
- 2. That a new Committee schedule be prepared to reflect the changes agreed to, namely three hours meetings to deal with Reports, and a meeting should be set aside to examine the Estimates before May 31, 2007 deadline.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

Ned Franks made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/26 8:20 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 45

Monday, March 26, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 11, Protection of Public Assets - Office of the Correctional Investigator of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Raymond Simard for Pablo Rodriguez.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada.

As an Individual:
Ron Stewart, Former Correctional Investigator.

Office of the Correctional Investigator:
Howard Sapers, Correctional Investigator.

Treasury Board Secretariat:
Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General of Canada.

Privy Council Office:

Marc O'Sullivan, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Senior
Personnel and Special Projects Secretariat.

Department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness: Suzanne Hurtubise, Deputy Minister.



Meeting No. 45

Monday, March 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:28 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Paule Brunelle, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Hon. Raymond Simard for Pablo Rodriguez.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada. As an individual: Ron Stewart, Former Correctional Investigator. Office of the Correctional Investigator: Howard Sapers, Correctional Investigator. Treasury Board Secretariat: Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General of Canada. Privy Council Office: Marc O'Sullivan, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Senior Personnel and Special Projects Secretariat. Department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness: Suzanne Hurtubise, Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 11, Protection of Public Assets - Office of the Correctional Investigator of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and answered questions.

Ron Stewart made an opening statement and answered questions.

Howard Sapers made an opening statement and answered questions.

Charles-Antoine St-Jean made an opening statement and answered questions.

Marc O'Sullivan made an opening statement and answered questions.

Suzanne Hurtubise made an opening statement and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

Borys Wrzesnewskyj moved, — That the Protocol for appearance of Accounting Officers before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, be adopted by this Committee as the interim protocol governing the appearance of Accounting Officers before this Committee pending the adoption of a final protocol and that it be tabled in the House of Commons as the Thirteenth report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded

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division: YEAS: Paule Brunelle, David Christopherson, Jean-Yves Laforest, Judy Sgro, Raymond Simard, Borys Wrzesnewskyj — 6; NAYS: Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet — 4.

Borys Wrzesnewskyj moved, — That the Clerk be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes including the approved ones as necessary, without changing the substance of the Report, and

That the Chair be authorised to table the Report in the House.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

David Sweet moved, — That Professor Franks be directed to meet with the President of the Treasury Board in order to develop a revised draft of the protocol that addresses the issues raised in the March 13th letter to the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee from the President of the Treasury Board and aligned with the document, "Accounting Officers: Guidance on Roles, Responsibilities and Appearances Before Parliamentary Committees", and that he return with this revised draft within two weeks.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet — 4; NAYS: Paule Brunelle, David Christopherson, Jean-Yves Laforest, Judy Sgro, Raymond Simard, Borys Wrzesnewskyj — 6.

At 5:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/27 11:22 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Meeting No. 46

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Ron Lewis, Staff Sergeant (Retired), Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Mike Frizzell, Staff Sergeant, Strategic and Operational Support, National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre; Fraser Macaulay, Chief Superintendent; David Gork, Assistant Commissioner; Steve Walker, Staff Sergeant; Denise Revine, Public Service Employee.



Meeting No. 46

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Paule Brunelle, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Ron Lewis, Staff Sergeant (Retired). Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Mike Frizzell, Staff Sergeant, Strategic and Operational Support, National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre; Fraser Macaulay, Chief Superintendent; David Gork, Assistant Commissioner; Steve Walker, Staff Sergeant; Denise Revine, Public Service Employee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Ron Lewis, Fraser Macaulay, Steve Walker and David Gork made opening statements and, with Denise Revine, answered questions.

At 4:40 p.m., Mr. Fitzpatrick took the Chair.

At 4:42 p.m., Mr. Murphy resumed chairing.

Mr. Wrzesnewskyj gave notice of the following motion:

It is most evident from today's proceedings that there is still significant testimony which must be presented to the Public Accounts Committee in order for the committee to have a full and complete account of the serious issues of potential perjury, fraud, and interference in criminal investigations surrounding the findings of the Auditor General in Chapter 9 of the Auditor General's Report of November 2006 – Pension and Insurance Administration – Royal Canadian Mounted Police and previous testimony provided to this committee by senior RCMP officials. Consequently, I move that the following persons be asked to appear as witnesses before the Public Accounts Committee on April 16, 2007:

Paul Gauvin, Deputy Commissioner, Corporate Management and Comptrollership - RCMP

Rosalie Burton former Director General HR – RCMP (Presently Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Corporate HR Policies, Strategies and Programs)

Deputy Commissioner Barbara George - RCMP

Former Commissioner Giuliano Zaccardelli – RCMP

Dominic Crupi

Jim Ewanovich

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, — That 30 minutes be set aside to consider the motion of Mr. Wrzesnewskyj at the next meeting of the Committee.

At 5:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/03 9:21 a.m.

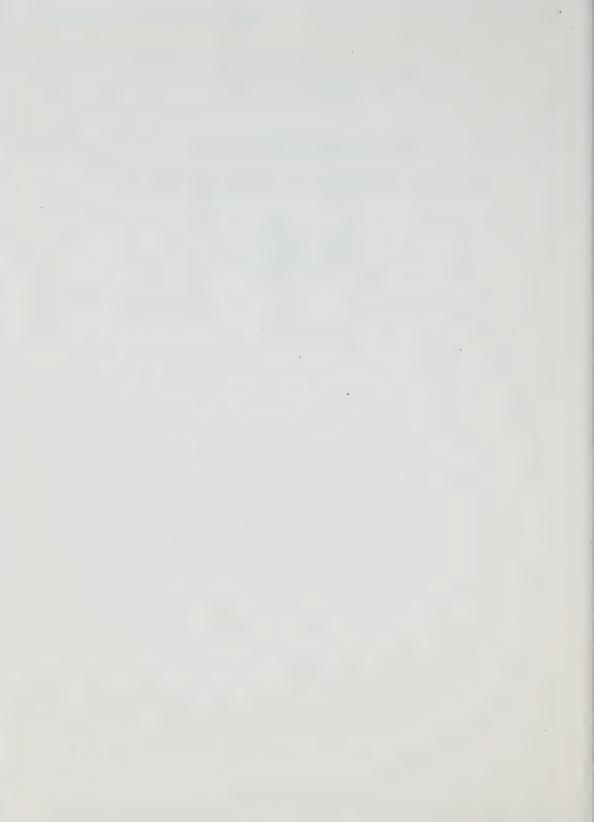
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 47

Thursday, March 29, 2007

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 47

Thursday, March 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in camera at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Paule Brunelle, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst. House of Commons: Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel; Steve Chaplin, Legal Counsel, Legal Services.

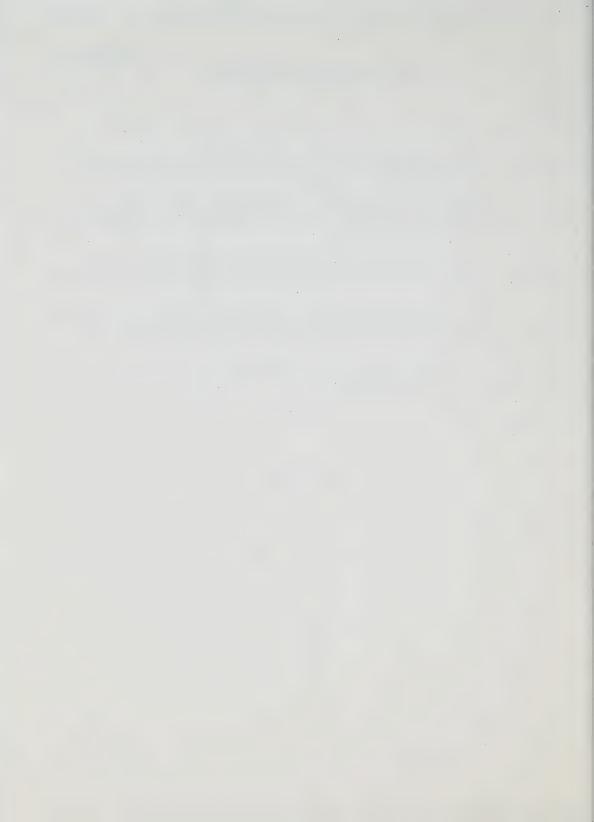
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the consideration of the motion on notice under the name of Mr. Wrzesnewskyj be postponed to the next meeting of the Committee.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/03 8:43 a.m.



EVIDENCE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Meeting No. 48

Thursday, March 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Brian O'Neal, Analyst;

Lydia Scratch, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

House of Commons:
Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel;
Steve Chaplin, Legal Counsel.



Meeting No. 48

Thursday, March 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:21 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Paule Brunelle, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel; Steve Chaplin, Legal Counsel, Legal Services.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 4:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:02 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Borys Wrzesnewskyj moved, — It is most evident from today's proceedings that there is still significant testimony which must be presented to the Public Accounts Committee in order for the committee to have a full and complete account of the serious issues of potential perjury, fraud, and interference in criminal investigations surrounding the findings of the Auditor General in Chapter 9 of the Auditor General's Report of November 2006 – Pension and Insurance Administration – Royal Canadian Mounted Police and previous testimony provided to this committee by senior RCMP officials. Consequently, I move that the following persons be asked to appear as witnesses before the Public Accounts Committee on April 16, 2007:

Paul Gauvin, Deputy Commissioner, Corporate Management and Comptrollership - RCMP

Rosalie Burton former Director General HR – RCMP (Presently Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Corporate HR Policies, Strategies and Programs)

Deputy Commissioner Barbara George - RCMP

Former Commissioner Giuliano Zaccardelli – RCMP

Dominic Crupi

Jim Ewanovich

Reg Alcock - Former Minister

Anne McLellan - Former Minister

Paul Roy - Ottawa Police

Gary Loeppky - RCMP

Beverley Busson - RCMP Commissioner.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

It was agreed, — That more names could be added to the list of witnesses from time to time, as approved by the Committee.

Mr. Christopherson gave notice of the following motion:

That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts write to the Minister of Public Safety requesting that the RCMP Pension Plan Funds Investigation be made a full commission of inquiry under the Inquiries Act.

At 4:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/03 2:24 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 49

Monday, April 16, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laurie Hawn.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lydia Scratch, Analyst;

Alex Smith, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Giuliano Zaccardelli, Former Commissioner, Royal Canadian

Mounted Police;

Jim Ewanovich;

Dominic Crupi;

Ron Lewis, Staff Sergeant (Retired), Royal Canadian Mounted

Police.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Fraser Macaulay, Chief Superintendent.



Meeting No. 49

Monday, April 16, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:27 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Associate Members present: Laurie Hawn.

Other Members present: Hon. Sue Barnes.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

Witnesses: As individuals: Giuliano Zaccardelli, Former Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Jim Ewanovich; Dominic Crupi; Ron Lewis, Staff Sergeant (Retired), Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Fraser Macaulay, Chief Superintendent.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The witnesses were sworned in

Giuliano Zaccardelli made an opening statement and answered questions.

Jim Ewanovich made an opening statement and answered questions.

Dominic Crupi made an opening statement and answered questions.

Ron Lewis and Fraser Macaulay answered questions.

At 4:33 p.m., Brian Fitzpatrick took the Chair.

At 4:36 p.m., Shawn Murphy resumed on the Chair.

On motion of Pierre Poilievre, it was agreed, — That the sitting be extended until 6:30 p.m.

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$5 000.00, for the study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat, be adopted.

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$10,700.00, for the study on Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration – RCMP of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada, be adopted.

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David Christopherson moved, — That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts write to the Minister of Public Safety requesting that the RCMP Pension Plan Funds Investigation be made a full public commission of inquires under the Inquires Act.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: David Christopherson, Jean-Yves Laforest, Marcel Lussier, Pablo Rodriguez, Judy Sgro, Borys Wrzesnewskyj — 6; NAYS: — 0.

ABSTENTION: Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams — 5.

At 5:27 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:32 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee continued consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

At 6:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/17 2:10 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 50

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Andrew Telegdi for Pablo Rodriguez.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joy Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Rosalie Burton, Former Director General of Human Resources, Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Mike Frizzell, Staff Sergeant, Strategic and Operational Support, National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre; Barbara George, Deputy Commissioner; Fraser Macaulay, Chief Superintendent.

As Individuals:

Paul Roy, Ottawa Police Service (Retired).



Meeting No. 50

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyi.

Acting Members present: Hon. Andrew Telegdi for Pablo Rodriguez.

Associate Members present: Joy Smith.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst. House of Commons: Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

Witnesses: As an individual: Rosalie Burton, Former Director General of Human Resources, Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Mike Frizzell, Staff Sergeant, Strategic and Operational Support, National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre; Barbara George, Deputy Commissioner; Fraser Macaulay, Chief Superintendent. As an individual: Paul Roy, Ottawa Police Service (Retired).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the document tabled by Mr. Poilievre be distributed to all members of the Committee in its original language, and that it be translated as soon as possible.

Barbara George made an opening statement and answered questions.

Rosalie Burton made an opening statement and answered questions.

Paul Roy made an opening statement and answered questions.

Mike Frizzell and Fraser Macaulay answered questions.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts hold another meeting with the same witnesses who appeared on April 18, 2007, and that Ms. Revine be invited back to this meeting also.

On motion of Borys Wrzesnewskyj, it was agreed, — That retired RCMP Sergeant Keith Esterbrooks appear before the Public accounts Committee and that he should bring along all relevant documents and files which indicate the suppression of access to information requested by Mr. Gauvin, and that retired Sergeant Keith Esterbrooks bring along with him the files with the following ATIP number involving pension fund investigation:

GA 3951-3-10656/04

GA 3951-3-05525/04

GA 3951-3-01221/05

GA 3951-3-02275/05

GA 3951-3-02914/05

GA 3951-3-01660/06

GA 3951-3-00516/07

and, that these documents be translated prior to his appearance before the Committee.

At 5:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/19 3:40 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 51

Monday, April 23, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laurie Hawn.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

Library of Parliament:

Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Hon. Reg Alcock, former Minister, President of the Treasury Board.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Paul Gauvin, Deputy Commissioner, Corporate Management and Comptrollership; Fraser Macaulay, Chief Superintendent.

Heenan Blaikie LLP:

Ivan Whitehall, Lawyer.

As Individuals:

Hon. Anne McLellan, former Minister of Public Safety.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Mike Frizzell, Staff Sergeant.

Paul Gauvin made an opening statement and, with Fraser Macaulay and Mike Frizzel, answered questions.



Meeting No. 51

Monday, April 23, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Associate Members present: Laurie Hawn.

In attendance: House of Commons: Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal). Library of Parliament: Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Hon. Reg Alcock, former Minister, President of the Treasury Board. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Paul Gauvin, Deputy Commissioner, Corporate Management and Comptrollership; Fraser Macaulay, Chief Superintendent. Heenan Blaikie LLP: Ivan Whitehall, Lawyer. As an individual: Hon. Anne McLellan, former Minister of Public Safety. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Mike Frizzell, Staff Sergeant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Hon. Reg Alcock made an opening statement and answered questions.

The Hon. Anne McLellan made an opening statement and answered questions.

Paul Gauvin made an opening statement and, with Fraser Macaulay and Mike Frizzel, answered questions.

On motion of Jean-Yves Laforest, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee of Public Accounts file a formal request with the RCMP authorities for them to provide the Committee with, as soon as possible, detailed and complete charts covering the period from 1997 to 2007, along with a brief description of the responsibilities of people involved and all the hierarchy links that bounded them.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That the Eleventh Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be adopted, which reads as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, April 23, 2007, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

That the Committee do meet every Monday on Chapter 9 of the Auditor General's Report, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and that on Wednesdays, the Committee do

meet on its other scheduled subjects for three hours, while allowing some flexibility to accommodate one meeting per week on Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police if, for some reasons, Mondays are not feasible.

That the Committee Members submit to the Committee for follow-up with the Comptroller General of Canada, any matter which relates to mismanagement of Public Funds, and which they think should be further investigated.

That, on an exceptional basis, regarding the KPMG Report tabled by Mr. Poilievre on April 16, 2007 that the following parts of the document be translated pending a complete translation:

- o Introduction
- o Summary
- o Recommendations
- o Conclusion

That the following witnesses be invited to appear before the Committee on the Study of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the november 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada:

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Frank Brazeau

David Smith

Fraser Macaulay

Mike Frizzell

David Marshall

Dominic Crupi

Pension

Jim Ewanovich

Dominic Crupi

Frank Brazeau

Paul Gauvin

Fraser Macaulay

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Mike Frizzell
Insurance
Roselie Burton
Barb George
Fraser Macaulay
Mike Frizzell
Wrap Up
Paul Roy
Roselie Burton
Barb George
Daryl Lafoss
Bruce Rogerson
Fraser Macaulay
Mike Frizzell
That the panel agreed to, on April 18, 2007 be invited back on Monday, April 30, 2007 namely:
Barbara George
Rosalie Burton
Paul Roy
Mike Frizzell
Fraser Macaulay and
Denise Revine
That Bruce Rogerson, Darrell Lafosse and Retired Sergeant Esterbrook be invited to appear before the Committee.
On motion of Borys Wrzesnewskyj, it was agreed, — That notwithstanding the motion agreed to on April 18, 2007, that retired RCMP Sergeant Keith Esterbrooks do appear before the Public Accounts Committee at the next scheduled meeting at which Mr. Gauvin is to appear.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/24 9:58 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 52

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcel Lussier for Jean-Yves Roy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lydia Scratch, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

House of Commons:
Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

WITNESSES:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:
Beverley Busson, Commissioner;
Darrell LaFosse, Assistant Commissioner, Community, Contract and Aboriginal Policing Services.

As an Individual:
Garry Loeppky.



Meeting No. 52

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyi.

Acting Members present: Marcel Lussier for Jean-Yves Roy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst. House of Commons: Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

Witnesses: Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Beverley Busson, Commissioner; Darrell LaFosse, Assistant Commissioner, Community, Contract and Aboriginal Policing Services. As an individual: Garry Loeppky.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, — That Superintendent Macaulay and Staff Sergeant Frizzell do prepare a presentation to be given to the Committee, in which they will tell what their concerns are and, that some Committee time be set aside to hear them when ever they are ready.

Beverley Busson, Darrell LaFosse and Garry Loeppky made opening statements and answered questions.

At 4:38 p.m., Mr. Fitzpatrick took the Chair.

At 4:43 p.m., Mr. Murphy resumed on the Chair.

On motion of David Sweet, it was agreed, — That a copy of the executive summary from the Ottawa Police on the investigation which is about 47 pages long be made available to this Committee forthwith, and, that it be translated and distributed to members of the Committee.

On motion of Borys Wrzesnewskyj, it was agreed, — That the following individuals do appear before this Committee on Monday, April 30, 2007:

A/Commissionner Bruce Rogerson

C/Superintendent Doug Lang.

At 5:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/26 4:54 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 53

Monday, April 30, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Jean-Yves Roy,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Rob Walsh, Clerk Assistant and General Legislative Counsel; Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

Library of Parliament:

Lydia Scratch, Analyst;

Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Rosalie Burton, former Director general of Human Resources, Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Barbara George, Deputy Commissioner; Mike Frizzell, Staff Sergeant, Strategic and Operational Support, National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre; Doug Lang, Criminal Operations Officer, Winnipeg; Fraser Macaulay, Chief Superintendent; Denise Revine, Public Service Employee; Bruce Rogerson, Assistant Commissioner, Technical Operations.

As Individuals:

Keith Estabrooks; Normand Sirois; Paul Roy, Ottawa Police Service (Retired).



Meeting No. 53

Monday, April 30, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:28 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: House of Commons: Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel; Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal). Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Rosalie Burton, former Director general of Human Resources, Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Barbara George, Deputy Commissioner; Mike Frizzell, Staff Sergeant, Strategic and Operational Support, National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre; Doug Lang, Criminal Operations Officer, Winnipeg; Fraser Macaulay, Chief Superintendent; Denise Revine, Public Service Employee; Bruce Rogerson, Assistant Commissioner, Technical Operations. As individuals: Keith Estabrooks; Normand Sirois; Paul Roy, Ottawa Police Service (Retired).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Chair made a statement regarding testimonies before parliamentary Committees and privileges of the House.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Chair write to RCMP Commissioner Busson to convey the concerns of the Committee as outlined in the statement made by the Chair and that she expressly assure this Committee by return letter that the testimony of any individual before this Committee, wheter or not an employee of the RCMP, will not be used in any proceedings or action against the individual.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That the sitting be extended untill 6:30 p.m. this day.

The witnesses were sworned in.

Barbara George, Bruce Rogerson, Rosalie Burton, Paul Roy, Keith Estabrooks and Normand Sirois made opening statements and answered questions.

Denise Revine answered questions.

At 5:09 p.m., Mr. Fitzpatrick took the Chair.

At 5:12 p.m., Mr. Murphy resumed on the Chair.

Mr. Williams gave notice of the following motion: — That the Public Accounts Committee ask the Library of Parliament to engage a forensic auditor to try to present all the information received, and emails, and timelines and so on in some kind of understandable format so we can actually understand and have some sense as to what is all going on.

At 6:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/02 11:52 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 54

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lydia Scratch, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General;
Andrew Lennox, Assistant Auditor General;
Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General.



Meeting No. 54

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General; Andrew Lennox, Assistant Auditor General; Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with Richard Flageole, Hugh McRoberts and Andrew Lennox, answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/03 9:57 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 55

Monday, May 7, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laurie Hawn for John Williams, and Anthony Rota for Pablo Rodriguez.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lydia Scratch, Analyst;

Alex Smith, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Frank Brazeau;

Dominic Crupi.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Mike Frizzell, Staff Sergeant, Strategic and Operational Support,

National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre;

Paul Gauvin, Deputy Commissioner, Corporate Management and

Comptrollership;

Fraser Macaulay, Chief Superintendent.

Public Works and Government Services Canada:

David Marshall, Deputy Minister;

Shahid Minto, Chief Risk Officer.

KPMG:

Greg McEvoy, Associate partner.

As Individuals:

David Smith.



Meeting No. 55

Monday, May 7, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Laurie Hawn for John Williams and Anthony Rota for Pablo Rodriguez.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

Witnesses: As individuals: Frank Brazeau; Dominic Crupi. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Mike Frizzell, Staff Sergeant, Strategic and Operational Support, National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre; Paul Gauvin, Deputy Commissioner, Corporate Management and Comptrollership; Fraser Macaulay, Chief Superintendent. Public Works and Government Services Canada: David Marshall, Deputy Minister; Shahid Minto, Chief Risk Officer. KPMG: Greg McEvoy, Associate partner. As an individual: David Smith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Greg McEvoy, David Marshall, Dominic Crupi and David Smith made opening statements and answered questions.

Frank Brazeau, Paul Gauvin and Shahid Minto answered questions.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the meeting be extended untill 6:30 p.m., this day, provided there are no motions moved.

At 5:41 p.m., Brian Fitzpatrick took the Chair.

At 5:44 p.m., Shawn Murphy resumed on the Chair.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 6:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 56

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 56

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Anthony Rota for Pablo Rodriguez.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst. House of Commons: Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal); Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the final report, as amended, on the premature release or "leaking" of reports of the Auditor General to the media before their presentation in the House of Commons be adopted as the Fourteenth report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes including the approved ones as necessary, without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorised to table the Report in the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of the report on discrepancies in the testimonies of individuals who appeared before both the Committee and before the Gomery Commission.

It was agreed, — That the following key witnesses, Jean-Marc Bard, Jean Pelletier and Charles Guité be invited to reappear before this Committee to explain themselves on the apparent contradictions in the testimonies given to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Accounts during the hearings on the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General as well as testimonies before the Gomery Commission.

At 5:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 57

Monday, May 14, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
Jean-Yves Roy,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Meili Faille for Jean-Yves Laforest, and Michael Savage for Pablo Rodriguez.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lydia Scratch, Analyst;

Alex Smith, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal); Steven Chaplin, Principal Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Keith Estabrooks.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Paul Gauvin, Deputy Commissioner, Corporate Management and Comptrollership;

André Girard, Staff sergeant, Criminal Intelligence & Analysis Section.

As Individuals:

Pierre Lavoie, Superintendent (Retired), Royal Canadian Mounted

John Spice, Assistant Commissioner (Retired), Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Bernie Corrigan, Assistant Commissioner;

Ron Lewis, Staff Sergeant (Retired), Royal Canadian Mounted Police.



Meeting No. 57

Monday, May 14, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Meili Faille for Jean-Yves Laforest and Michael Savage for Pablo Rodriguez.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst. House of Commons: Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal); Steven Chaplin, Principal Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

Witnesses: As an individual: Keith Estabrooks. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Paul Gauvin, Deputy Commissioner, Corporate Management and Comptrollership; André Girard, Staff sergeant, Criminal Intelligence & Analysis Section. As individuals: Pierre Lavoie, Superintendent (Retired), Royal Canadian Mounted Police; John Spice, Assistant Commissioner (Retired), Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Bernie Corrigan, Assistant Commissioner; Ron Lewis, Staff Sergeant (Retired), Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Paul Gauvin, André Girard, John Spice and Pierre Lavoie made opening statements and answered questions.

Ron Lewis, Bernard Corrigan and Keith Estabrooks answered questions.

At 5:24 p.m., Brian Fitzpatrick took the Chair.

At 5:28 p.m., Shawn Murphy resumed on the Chair.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That the Committee do sit untill 6:30 p.m. or untill the list of speakers has been exhausted.

John Spice made a statement.

At 6:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 58

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Vote 15 and Part III - Report on Plan and Priorities 2007-2008 of the Office of the Auditor General of Canada under FINANCE referred to the Committee on February 27, 2007.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
John Wiersema, Deputy Auditor General;
Rick Smith, Assistant Auditor General;
Jean Landry, Acting Comptroller.



Meeting No. 58

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Brian O'Neal, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; John Wiersema, Deputy Auditor General; Rick Smith, Assistant Auditor General; Jean Landry, Acting Comptroller.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Vote 15 and Part III - Report on Plan and Priorities 2007-2008 of the Office of the Auditor General of Canada under FINANCE referred to the Committee on February 27, 2007.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with John Wiersema, answered questions.

The Chair called Vote 15 under FINANCE - AUDITOR GENERAL.

Vote 15 FINANCE - AUDITOR GENERAL carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Vote 15, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under FINANCE - AUDITOR GENERAL to the House.

At 4:28 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$31 788.00, for the annual Conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committee, to be held at the Parliamentary Buildings in Victoria, British Columbia, from Sunday, August 19, through Tuesday, August 21, 2007 be adopted;

That members who would like to attend this conference do use their travel points;

And that the Chair do present it to the Liaison Committee for approval;

And that the Chair seek the permission of the House to travel to Victoria, British Columbia from August 19 to August 22, 2007, for the Committee and 3 staff members.

It was agreed, — That this Committee ask the Library of Parliament to collect and summarize all

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documents related to the RCMP pension and insurance fund, Chapter 9 of the Auditor General's report, that these documents be organized first by subject, then by date and that the library place a summary of all of these documents on the front of the overall package, and that the clerk provide regular updates of new documents that come in as our hearings continue on a regular basis.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses be called to appear before the Committee in clusters that are appropriate to the subject matter being studied:

Christian Picard, former Officer in charge of ATIP section

Louis Alberti, Legal Services, ATIP section

Paul Mc Connell

Anthony Koziol

Kim Casey

Suzanne Beaudin

Jeff Molson

Pierre Laplante

Frank Brazeau

Dominic Crupi

The new Deputy Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada François Guimont.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts host a luncheon with Mr. Brian Glicksman from United Kingdom on Tuesday, June 5, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the final report, as amended, on Chapter 5, Relocating Members of the Canadian Forces, RCMP, and Federal Public Service of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada, be adopted as the Fifthteenth report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

That the Clerk be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes including the approved ones as necessary, without changing the substance of the Report.

That the Chair be authorised to table the Report in the House.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report.

It was agreed, — That the final report, as amended, on the 2005-06 Departmental Performance Report and the 2006-07 Report on Plans and Priorities of the Office of the Auditor General of Canada, be adopted as the Sixteenth report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

That the Clerk be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes including the approved

ones as necessary, without changing the substance of the Report.

That the Chair be authorised to table the Report in the House.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report .

It was agreed, — That the Clerk be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes including the approved ones as necessary, without changing the substance of the Report.

That the Chair be authorised to table the Report in the House.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee call an *in camera* meeting before June 8th, 2007, to analyse and discuss testimonies given before the Public Accounts Committee by certain witnesses to determine if the Committee considers that it has been lied to and therefore Parliament has been held in contempt.

At 6:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/23 11:29 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Vice-Chair: Brian Fitzpatrick.

Meeting No. 59

Monday, May 28, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 7, Management of Forensic Laboratory Services - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Pablo Rodriguez, Johanne Deschamps for Jean-Yves Laforest, and Anthony Rota for Hon. Shawn Murphy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Alex Smith, Analyst;
Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Shelley Trevethan, Director.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Beverley A. Busson, Commissioner; Peter D. Martin, Deputy Commissioner, National Police Services; John Bowen, Director, Biology Services; Joe Buckle, Director General, Forensic Science and Identification Services.

Beverley Busson made an opening statement and, with Peter Martin, Joe Buckle and John Bowen, answered questions.



Meeting No. 59

Monday, May 28, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Brian Fitzpatrick, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Pablo Rodriguez, Johanne Deschamps for Jean-Yves Laforest and Anthony Rota for Hon. Shawn Murphy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Shelley Trevethan, Director. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Beverley A. Busson, Commissioner; Peter D. Martin, Deputy Commissioner, National Police Services; John Bowen, Director, Biology Services; Joe Buckle, Director General, Forensic Science and Identification Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 7, Management of Forensic Laboratory Services - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with Shelley Trevethan, answered questions.

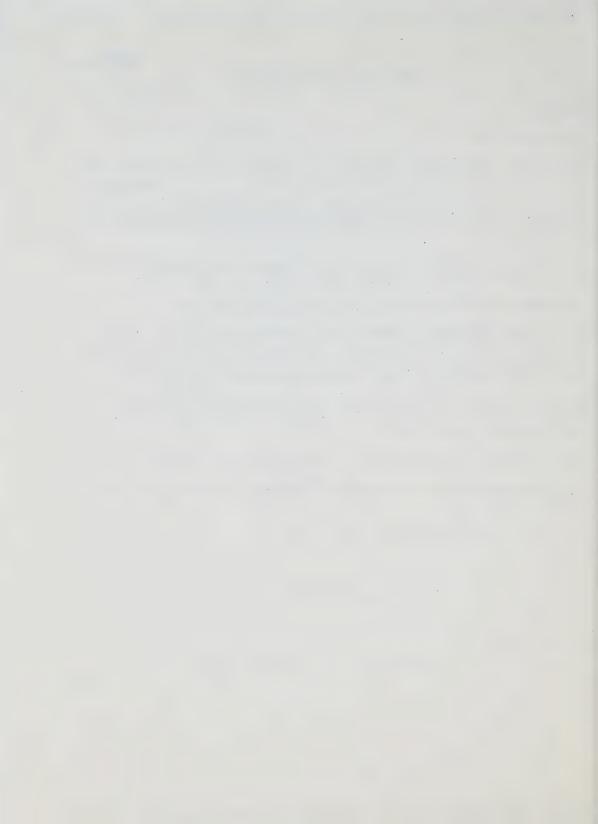
Beverley Busson made an opening statement and, with Peter Martin, Joe Buckle and John Bowen, answered questions.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

Library of Parliament:

Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Mike Frizzell, Staff Sergeant, Strategic and Operational Support, National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre; Fraser Macaulay, Chief Superintendent; Kevin Mole, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Human Resources; Tony Pickett, Officer in charge, Insurance Renewal and Modernization Project.



Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: House of Commons: Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal). Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Mike Frizzell, Staff Sergeant, Strategic and Operational Support, National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre; Fraser Macaulay, Chief Superintendent; Kevin Mole, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Human Resources; Tony Pickett, Officer in charge, Insurance Renewal and Modernization Project.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee [, as amended,] be concurred in, which reads as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That regarding the study of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration, Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada, and the motion agreed to on May 16, 2007, that the following witnesses be invited for the meeting of June 4, 2007:

Frank Brazeau

Dominic Crupi

François Guimont, Deputy Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada

Anthony Koziol

Kim Casey

and on June 11, 2007:

Christian Picard, former Officer in charge of ATIP section

Louis Alberti, Legal Services, ATIP section

Paul Mc Connell

Jeff Molson.

2. That Jean Pelletier, the witness mentioned on the motion agreed to by this Committee on May 9, 2007, be summoned to appear before this Committee on June 6, 2007, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 253-D, Centre Block, following his refusal to appear and to explain himself on the apparent contradictions in the testimonies given to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Accounts during the hearings on the November 2003 Report of the Auditor General as well as testimonies before the Gomery Commission.

Mike Frizzell made an opening statement and gave a presentation to the Committee.

Kevin Mole and Tony Pickett answered questions.

Fraser Macaulay made a presentation to the Committee and answered questions.

At 5:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 61

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 61

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:44 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Jean-Yves Roy, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Hon. Judy Sgro.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

It was agreed, — That notwithstanding the 13th Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts adopted Tuesday, May 29, 2007, that the following witnesses be invited for the meeting of June 4, 2007:

Frank Brazeau

Dominic Crupi

François Guimont, Deputy Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada

Anthony Koziol

Kim Casey

Pat Casey

Jeff Molson

and on June 11, 2007:

Christian Picard, former Officer in charge of ATIP section

Louis Alberti, Legal Services, ATIP section

Paul Mc Connell

Ian Cowan

Keith Estabrooks

Michel Joyal

Pierre Lavoie.

It was agreed, — That the final report as amended, Chapter 8 of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Allocating Funds to Regulatory Programs—Health Canada), be adopted as the Eighteenth report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

That the Clerk be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes including the approved ones as necessary, without changing the substance of the Report.

That the Chair be authorised to table the Report in the House.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report.

It was agreed, — That the final report as amended, on the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat, be adopted as the Nineteenth report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

That the Clerk be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes including the approved ones as necessary, without changing the substance of the Report.

That the Chair be authorised to table the Report in the House.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report.

At 6:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/05 2:23 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 62

Monday, June 4, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anthony Rota for Pablo Rodriguez.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

Library of Parliament:

Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Brian Glicksman, Treasury Officer of Accounts, United Kingdom (Retired).

Department of Public Works and Government Services:

François Guimont, Deputy Minister; Shahid Minto, Chief Risk Officer.

As Individuals:

Frank Brazeau:

Kim Casey;

Pat Casey;

Dominic Crupi;

Anthony Koziol;

Jeff Molson.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Fraser Macaulay, Chief Superintendent.



Meeting No. 62

Monday, June 4, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Anthony Rota for Pablo Rodriguez.

In attendance: House of Commons: Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal). Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Brian Glicksman, Treasury Officer of Accounts, United Kingdom (Retired). Department of Public Works and Government Services: François Guimont, Deputy Minister; Shahid Minto, Chief Risk Officer. As individuals: Frank Brazeau; Kim Casey; Pat Casey; Dominic Crupi; Anthony Koziol; Jeff Molson. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Fraser Macaulay, Chief Superintendent.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

Brian Glicksman made an opening statement and answered questions.

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, — That the prepared statement by Mr. Glicksman, be appended to the *Evidence* of the Committee as if it was read during these proceedings.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

François Guimont made an opening statement and answered questions.

Kim Casey and Pat Casey made opening statements and answered questions.

Dominic Crupi made an opening statement and answered questions.

Anthony Koziol, Fraser Macaulay and Jeff Molson answered questions.

At 5: 04 p.m., Brian Fitzpatrick took the Chair.

At 5: 08 p.m., Shawn Murphy resumed on the Chair.

The witnesses answered questions.

On motion of Judy Sgro, it was agreed, - That the report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be concurred in, which reads as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, June 4, 2007, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

That the meeting scheduled for June 12, 2007, be moved to June 18, 2007, and that on June 12, 2007, a meeting be held on Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - RCMP to hear witnesses from Great West Life:

Peter Foley

Frank Pattie

Judy McEwan

and from Morneau Sobeco:

Francine Pell

Jeff Kitchen

Jeff Molson

Pat Casey

Garry Roy

That the second part of the meeting scheduled for June 13, 2007, include the follow-up study and proposed next steps and a follow-up on the discrepencies meeting.

At 5:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/06 9:05 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Meeting No. 63

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 63

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Anthony Rota for Pablo Rodriguez.

In attendance: House of Commons: Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel; Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal). *Library of Parliament:* Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Pursuant to the motion agreed to on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, which reads: "That the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee call an in camera meeting before June 8th, 2007, to analyse and discuss testimonies given before the Public Accounts Committee by certain witnesses to determine if the Committee considers that it has been lied to and therefore Parliament has been held in contempt.", the Committee discussed testimonies given before the Public Accounts Committee on Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration, RCMP, of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That in view of the investigation being conducted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) following testimonies given before this Committee on the study on Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration, RCMP, of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada, that a Report be presented to the House in which the Committee asserts its privileges.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/06 2:11 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 64

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of the report on discrepancies in the testimonies of individuals who appeared before both the Committee and before the Gomery Commission.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michel Guimond for Jean-Yves Roy, and Anthony Rota for Pablo Rodriguez.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yvon Godin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

House of Commons:
Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

Library of Parliament:
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:
Charles Guité;
Jean Pelletier.



Meeting No. 64

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Michel Guimond for Jean-Yves Roy and Anthony Rota for Pablo Rodriguez.

Other Members present: Yvon Godin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst. House of Commons: Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel. Library of Parliament: Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: Charles Guité; Jean Pelletier.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of the report on discrepancies in the testimonies of individuals who appeared before both the Committee and before the Gomery Commission.

The Chair made a statement and tabled the following document:

Comparison of sponsorship testimony provided to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Gomery Commission, prepared by the Research Service of the Library of Parliament.

Mr. Jean Pelletier made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Mr. Charles Guité made an opening statement and answered questions.

On motion of David Sweet, it was agreed, — That the Committee also invite Dominic Crupi and David Gork to appear next Tuesday, June 12th at the meeting on the arrangements between Great West Life and Morneau Sobeco, and given the number of witnesses, that Dominic Crupi, David Gork, Pat Casey, Garry Roy, Francine Pell and Peter Foley be the witnesses to sit at the table with the others to be called as needed.

At 5:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/07 11:12 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Vice-Chair: Brian Fitzpatrick.

Meeting No. 65

Monday, June 11, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Pierre Poilievre,
Pablo Rodriguez,
Jean-Yves Roy,
Hon. Judy Sgro,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anthony Rota for Hon. Shawn Murphy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Alex Smith, Analyst;
Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Louis Alberti, Legal Services, Department of Justice; Ian Cowan, Inspector.

As Individuals:

Keith Estabrooks.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Paul Gauvin, Deputy Commissioner, Corporate Management and Comptrollership.

As Individuals:

Michel Joyal.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Pierre Lavoie, Superintendent (Retired);

Paul McConnell, Inspector;

Christian Picard, Superintendent, former Officer in charge of the Access to information and Privacy.



Meeting No. 65

Monday, June 11, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Brian Fitzpatrick, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Anthony Rota for Hon. Shawn Murphy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Louis Alberti, Legal Services, Department of Justice; Ian Cowan, Inspector. As an individual: Keith Estabrooks. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Paul Gauvin, Deputy Commissioner, Corporate Management and Comptrollership. As an individual: Michel Joyal. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Pierre Lavoie, Superintendent (Retired); Paul Mc Connell, Inspector: Christian Picard, Superintendent, former Officer in charge of the Access to information and Privacy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The witnesses were all sworn in.

Christian Picard, Paul Gauvin and Michel Joyal made opening statements and answered questions.

Keith Estabrooks, Louis Alberti, Ian Cowan, Pierre Lavoie and Paul Mc Connell answered questions.

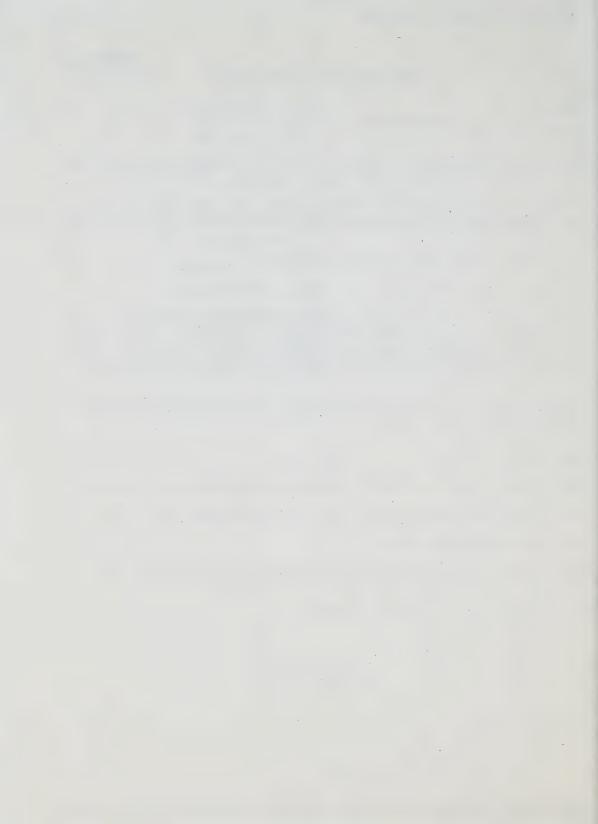
Pierre Poilievre gave notice of a motion.

It was agreed, — That the Fifteenth Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be studied on Wednesday, June 13, 2007.

At 5:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/12 11:19 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Vice-Chair: Brian Fitzpatrick.

Meeting No. 66

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anthony Rota for Hon. Shawn Murphy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

David Gork, Assistant Commissioner;

Garry Roy, Senior Policy Analyst, Disability Program & Services;

Fraser Macaulay, Chief Superintendent;

Mike Frizzell, Staff Sergeant, Strategic and Operational Support,

National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre.

Great-West Life Assurance Company:

Jeff Kitchen:

Peter Foley:

Frank Pattie, (retired).

Morneau Sobeco:

Francine Pell.

As Individuals:

Pat Casev:

Dominic Crupi;

Jeff Molson.

Peter Foley, Francine Pell, Pat Casey, Jeff Molson and Garry Roy made opening statements and, with David Gork, Frank Pattie, Dominic Crupi, Mike Frizzell and Fraser Macaulay, answered questions.



Meeting No. 66

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Brian Fitzpatrick, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Anthony Rota for Hon. Shawn Murphy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: Royal Canadian Mounted Police: David Gork, Assistant Commissioner; Garry Roy, Senior Policy Analyst, Disability Program & Services; Fraser Macaulay, Chief Superintendent; Mike Frizzell, Staff Sergeant, Strategic and Operational Support, National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre. Great-West Life Assurance Company: Jeff Kitchen; Peter Foley; Frank Pattie, (retired). Morneau Sobeco: Francine Pell. As individuals: Pat Casey; Dominic Crupi; Jeff Molson.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, — That the Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts write to Bob Paulson, Chief Superintendent of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to ask him to stop his investigation.

Peter Foley, Francine Pell, Pat Casey, Jeff Molson and Garry Roy made opening statements and, with David Gork, Frank Pattie, Dominic Crupi, Mike Frizzell and Fraser Macaulay, answered questions.

Mr. Laforest gave notice of the following motion:

That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee address the report by the Auditor General of Canada presented on June 12, 2007, and undertake a study of the issues it raises by inviting the following to appear:

- -The Auditor General of Quebec, Renaud Lachance,
- -Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada,
- -Lise Thibault, the former Lieutenant-Governor of Québec.

At 6:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/13 1:20 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Vice-Chair: Brian Fitzpatrick.

Meeting No. 67

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Pierre Poilievre, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John McCallum for Hon. Shawn Murphy, and Anthony Rota for Pablo Rodriguez.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:
Claude Drouin.



Meeting No. 67

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Brian Fitzpatrick, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Pierre Poilievre, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Hon. John McCallum for Hon. Shawn Murphy and Anthony Rota for Pablo Rodriguez.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Claude Drouin.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

Mr. Claude drouin made an opening statement and answered questions.

Pierre Poilievre moved, — That the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee write a letter to the current Clerk of the Privy Council to inquire about the information given by Mr. Pelletier at his last appearance before this Committee when he spoke of a Privy Council request that he look into a donation to the Liberal Party of Canada, and that the letter just ask what records there are of this information and also what explanation the bureaucrats at that department can provide explaining why it was involved in such partisan activity.

Debate arose thereon.

John Williams moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the following: "and also why the Privy Council was aware of a bank account, of the content of a bank account and who was depositing, and what was being deposited to that account".

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Jean-Yves Laforest moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee address the report by the Auditor General of Canada presented on June 12, 2007, and undertake a study of the issues it raises by inviting the following to appear:

- -The Auditor General of Quebec, Renaud Lachance,
- -Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada,

-Lise Thibault, the former Lieutenant-Governor of Québec.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Borys Wrzesnewskyj, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding the following person to the list: "The Office manager who would be in charge of the expenses of the Lieutenant-governor's Office".

David Christopherson moved, — That the motion be further amended by removing the following person from the list: "Lise Thibault, the former Lieutenant-Governor of Québec".

Debate arose thereon.

At 5:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/14 3:49 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Meeting No. 68

Thursday, June 14, 2007

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Meeting No. 68

Thursday, June 14, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 12:06 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Brian Fitzpatrick, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Pierre Poilievre, Pablo Rodriguez, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Associate Members present: Daniel Petit.

In attendance: House of Commons: Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel; Steven Chaplin, Principal Parliamentary Counsel (Legal). Library of Parliament: Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the final report, as amended, on the waiving of parliamentary privilege for the testimony of Barbara George, be adopted as the Twentieth report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

That the Clerk be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes including the approved ones as necessary, without changing the substance of the Report.

That the Chair be authorised to present the Report in the House.

Notice was given for the following motion:

Given the likelihood that Mr. David Brown will present his findings as scheduled on June 15, 2007, I move that the following witnesses be called to appear before the Public Accounts Committee on Tuesday, June 19, 2007.

David Brown

The Hon. Stockwell Day

Diane Urqhart

John Spice

Guiliano Zaccardelli

Beverley Busson.

At 12:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/19 2:19 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Vice-Chair: Brian Fitzpatrick.

Meeting No. 69

Monday, June 18, 2007



The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 3, Large Information Technology Projects, of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Pierre Poilievre, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Joe McGuire for Hon. Shawn Murphy, and Anthony Rota for Pablo Rodriguez.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lydia Scratch, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General;
Richard Brisebois, Principal.

Treasury Board Secretariat:

Jim Alexander, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Chief Information Officer Branch;

Ken Cochrane, Chief Information Officer.

Department of Public Works and Government Services:

Steven Poole, Chief Executive Officer, Information Technology
Services Branch.



Meeting No. 69

Monday, June 18, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Brian Fitzpatrick, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Pierre Poilievre, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Hon. Joe McGuire for Hon. Shawn Murphy and Anthony Rota for Pablo Rodriguez.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General; Richard Brisebois, Principal. Treasury Board Secretariat: Jim Alexander, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Chief Information Officer Branch; Ken Cochrane, Chief Information Officer. Department of Public Works and Government Services: Steven Poole, Chief Executive Officer, Information Technology Services Branch.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That the Committee do proceed first with the subjects listed under Committee Business for today's meeting.

It was agreed, — That the motion standing under the name of Mr. Wrzesnewskyj be withdrawn.

The Committee considered a request signed by six (6) members of the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 106(4) which reads:

We the undersigned members of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts request that a meeting of our Standing Committee be convened, pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), in order to question the individuals listed below in light of the scheduled release on June 15, 2007 of the report of Mr. David Brown on his inquiry into the RCMP Pension and Insurance fund.

Mr. David Brown

The Honourable Stockwell Day, P.C., M.P.

Mr. John Spice

Mr. Guiliano Zaccardelli

Mrs. Beverley Busson

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That the Committee hold a meeting this coming Thursday, June 21, 2007, to study the recently released Report of the Independant Investigator into Matters Relating to RCMP Pension and Insurance Plan, and that the following witnesses be invited to appear:

The Honourable Stockwell Day, P.C., M.P.

Mr. David Brown

Mrs. Beverley Busson

Guiliano Zaccardelli

The Honourable Anne McLellan

Mr. John Spice.

Pierre Poilievre moved, — That the meeting be organized into two panels.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Mike Lake, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams — 4; NAYS: David Christopherson, Jean-Yves Laforest, Joe McGuire, Anthony Rota, Jean-Yves Roy, Judy Sgro, Borys Wrzesnewskyj — 7.

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, — That in relation to the letter dated May 30, 2007 from Charles-Antoine St-Jean, Comptroller General of Canada concerning waivers to the publication of details related to ex gratia payments in the 2006 Public Accounts for:

Merchant Navy Veterans;

Heating fuel rebates;

Claims arising from the Indian Schools System

an annual waiver be given to Treasury Board provided that the gross amount and the total number of claims are reported to Parliament .

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, — That the Committee Chairperson and staff be authorized to:

- Review Government responses to recommendations made by the Committee during the 39th Parliament,
- On the Committee's behalf, acknowledge receipt of the responses where they respond clearly and completely to recommendations, or
- Request by letter further information or clarification, as required .

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Laforest wich reads:

That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee address the report by the Auditor General of Canada presented on June 12, 2007, and undertake a study of the issues it raises by inviting the following to appear:

The Auditor General of Quebec, Renaud Lachance,

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada,

Lise Thibault, the former Lieutenant-Governor of Ouébec

and the Office manager who would be in charge of the expenses of the Lieutenant-governor's Office.

Debate arose thereon.

The acting Chair ruled: That the debate on the motion be suspended pending some legal advice from the Parliamentary Law Clerk about the constitutionality of calling a Lieutenant-governor before this Committee and that the Committee should proceed to the orders of the day, Chapter 3, Large Information Technology Projects, of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Whereupon, Jean-Yves Laforest appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was sustained on the following recorded division: YEAS: David Christopherson, Mike Lake, Joe McGuire, Pierre Poilievre, Anthony Rota, Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams — 8; NAYS: Jean-Yves Laforest, Jean-Yves Roy, Borys Wrzesnewskyj — 3.

Jean-Yves Roy moved, — That the meeting be adjourned.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Jean-Yves Laforest, Jean-Yves Roy — 2; NAYS: David Christopherson, Mike Lake, Joe McGuire, Pierre Poilievre, Anthony Rota, Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams, Borys Wrzesnewskyi — 9.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 3, Large Information Technology Projects, of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Sheila Fraser, Ken Cochrane and Steven Poole made opening statements and answered questions.

Jim Alexander answered questions.

On motion of Pierre Poilievre, it was agreed, — That the sitting be extended untill 6:00 p.m.

At 6:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

2007/06/21 9:55 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 70

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 5, Passports Services - Passport Canada of February 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David J. McGuinty for Borys Wrzesnewskyj, and Anthony Rota for Pablo Rodriguez.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

Library of Parliament:

Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General; Paul Morse, Principal.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Leonard J. Edwards, Deputy Minister.

Passport Canada:

Gérald Cossette, Chief Executive Officer; Judy Thomas, Chief Operating Officer; Gary K. McDonald, Director General, Policy and Planning.



Meeting No. 70

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, Jean-Yves Roy, Hon. Judy Sgro, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: David J. McGuinty for Borys Wrzesnewskyj and Anthony Rota for Pablo Rodriguez.

In attendance: House of Commons: Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal). Library of Parliament: Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General; Paul Morse, Principal. Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Leonard J. Edwards, Deputy Minister. Passport Canada: Gérald Cossette, Chief Executive Officer; Judy Thomas, Chief Operating Officer; Gary K. McDonald, Director General, Policy and Planning.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 5, Passports Services - Passport Canada of February 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Sheila Fraser and Leonard Edwards made opening statements and answered questions.

Gérald-Cossette, Judy Thomas and Gary K. McDonald answered questions.

Borys Wrzesnewskyj moved, — That the meeting scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, June 21, 2007, on the study of the Report of the Independent Investigator into matters relating to RCMP Pension and Insurance Plans released on June 15, 2007, be cancelled and, that it be rescheduled with the same witnesses sometime this summer to the call of the Chair.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 10; NAYS: 1.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/21 2:52 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Meeting No. 71

Thursday, September 6, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the study of the Report of the Independent Investigator into matters relating to RCMP Pension and Insurance Plans released on June 15, 2007.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

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The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Marlene Jennings for Hon. Judy Sgro, Marcel Lussier for Jean-Yves Roy, and David J. McGuinty for Pablo Rodriguez.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcel Proulx.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:
Justin Vaive, Procedural Clerk.
Library of Parliament:
Lydia Scratch, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:
Sandra Conlin, Assistant Commissioner, Ethics Advisor.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police External Review Committee: Catherine Ebbs, Chair.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police: John Spice, Assistant Commissioner (Retired), Ethics Advisor.

Commission for Public Complaints Against the Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Paul E. Kennedy, Chair.

As an Individual:

Hon. Anne McLellan, former Minister of Public Safety.

Sandra Conlin made an opening statement and, with John Spice, answered questions.

Catherine Ebbs made an opening statement and, with Paul Kennedy and the Hon. Anne McLellan, answered questions.





Meeting No. 71

Thursday, September 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Hon. Marlene Jennings for Hon. Judy Sgro, Marcel Lussier for Jean-Yves Roy and David J. McGuinty for Pablo Rodriguez.

Associate Members present: Marcel Proulx.

In attendance: House of Commons: Justin Vaive, Procedural Clerk. Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Sandra Conlin, Assistant Commissioner, Ethics Advisor. Royal Canadian Mounted Police External Review Committee: Catherine Ebbs, Chair. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: John Spice, Assistant Commissioner (Retired), Ethics Advisor. Commission for Public Complaints Against the Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Paul E. Kennedy, Chair. As an individual: Hon. Anne McLellan, former Minister of Public Safety.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of the study of the Report of the Independent Investigator into matters relating to RCMP Pension and Insurance Plans released on June 15, 2007.

By unanimous consent, David Sweet moved, — That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts of the First session of the 39th Parliament do commend, in alphabetical order,

Staff Sergeant Mike Frizzell,

Staff Sergeant Ron Lewis,

Chief Superintendent Fraser Macaulay,

Ms. Denise Revine.

A ssistant Commissioner Bruce Rogerson, and,

Staff Sergeant Steve Walker,

For their continued efforts to expose the mismanagement of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police pension and insurance plan administration in the face of great personal and professional hardship,

For their unwavering commitment to justice and accountability,

For their dedication to ensure the Royal Canadian Mounted Police remain a cherished national symbol, with the full confidence of both its members and the Canadian public,

And for their embodiment of the core values of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police: integrity, honesty, professionalism compassion, respect and accountability.

And that this motion be reported to the House.

By unanimous consent, after debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Sandra Conlin made an opening statement and, with John Spice, answered questions.

Mr. Laforest tabled some documents concerning Caporal Albert Caron.

By unanimous consent, Borys Wrzesnewskyj moved, — That the following witnesses:

Denis Constain and

Wayne Watson

be invited to appear before the Committee.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Marlene Jennings, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, David J. McGuinty, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, Borys Wrzesnewskyj — 8; NAYS: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, John Williams — 3.

At 11:20, the sitting was suspended.

At 11: 32 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:35 p.m., the meeting was suspended.

At 2:05 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the study of the Report of the Independent Investigator into matters relating to RCMP Pension and Insurance Plans released on June 15, 2007.

Catherine Ebbs made an opening statement and, with Paul Kennedy and the Hon. Anne McLellan, answered questions.

At 4:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:17 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/09/10 3:36 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Meeting No. 72

Friday, September 7, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the study of the Report of the Independent Investigator into matters relating to RCMP Pension and Insurance Plans released on June 15, 2007.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the study of the Report of the Independent Investigator into matters relating to RCMP Pension and Insurance Plans released on June 15, 2007.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcel Lussier for Jean-Yves Roy,

David J. McGuinty for Pablo Rodriguez, and Marcel Proulx for Hon. Judy Sgro.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Justin Vaive, Procedural Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Lydia Scratch, Analyst;

Alex Smith, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Stockwell Day, Minister of Public Safety.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Independent Investigator into RCMP Pension and Insurance Matters:

David A. Brown, Independent Investigator into RCMP Pension and Insurance Matters.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

William Elliott, Commissioner; Beverley A. Busson, Commissioner (Retired).

Carleton University:

Linda Duxbury, Professor, Sprott School of Business.

William Elliott made an opening statement and, with Beverley Busson, answered questions.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 72

Friday, September 7, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C. Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon, Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Marcel Lussier for Jean-Yves Roy, David J. McGuinty for Pablo Rodriguez and Marcel Proulx for Hon. Judy Sgro.

In attendance: House of Commons: Justin Vaive, Procedural Clerk. Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Stockwell Day, Minister of Public Safety.

Witnesses: Office of the Independent Investigator into RCMP Pension and Insurance Matters: David A. Brown, Independent Investigator into RCMP Pension and Insurance Matters. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: William Elliott, Commissioner; Beverley A. Busson, Commissioner (Retired). Carleton University: Linda Duxbury, Professor, School of Business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the study of the Report of the Independent Investigator into matters relating to RCMP Pension and Insurance Plans released on June 15, 2007.

William Elliott made an opening statement and, with Beverley Busson, answered questions.

Linda Duxbury made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 11:03 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:12 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:27 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:02 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the study of the Report of the Independent Investigator into matters relating to RCMP Pension and Insurance Plans released on June 15, 2007.

David Brown answered questions.

At 3:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:03 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Hon. Stockwell Day answered questions.

At 4:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka Clerk of the Committee

2007/09/10 3:36 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Clerk of the Committee: Justin Vaive.

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on October 30, 2007.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and John Williams.



ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher for Mike Lake.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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Library of Parliament:
Alex Smith, Analyst;
Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

House of Commons:
Jean-François Lafleur, Procedural Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General;
Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and John Williams.

Acting Members present: Sylvie Boucher for Mike Lake.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Jean-François Lafleur, Procedural Clerk.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General; Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, - That Shawn Murphy be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Charles Hubbard, it was agreed, — That David Sweet be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Marcel Lussier, it was agreed, — That Jean-Yves Laforest be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Shawn Murphy took the Chair.

At 9:45 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:47 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

On motion of Brian Fitzpatrick, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be established and be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a member of the other opposition party.

Charles Hubbard moved, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three members are present, including one member of the opposition.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the motion was allowed to stand.

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee only documents that are available in both official languages.

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

On motion of Jean-Yves Laforest, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two representative per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an *in camera* meeting.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of each *in camera* meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

Charles Hubbard moved, — That 48 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the susbstantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and distributed to members in both official languages before consideration is given.

Debate arose thereon.

David Sweet moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words "unless the susbstantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and distributed to members in both official languages before consideration is given" with the words "and that the period of notice be calculated from the time the motion has been distributed to the members of the committee by the Clerk of the Committee; and that the motion shall be distributed to members in both official languages; and that all motions received by the Clerk shall be placed upon the agenda of the first committee meeting following the period of notice...".

The question was put on the amendment of David Sweet and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 5.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 4.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That witnesses be given five (5) minutes to make their opening statement and if they have additional information, it should be deposited with the Clerk of the Committee and; that during the questioning of witnesses the time allocated to each questioner be as follows: on the first round of questioning, eight (8) minutes to a representative of each party in the following order: Liberal, Bloc Québécois, Conservative, NDP, Liberal and Conservative, on the second round of questioning, five (5) minutes per party in the following order: Liberal, Conservative, Bloc Québécois, Conservative, NDP, Liberal and Conservative.

On motion of Charles Hubbard, it was agreed, — That the committee hear imediately from the Auditor

General of Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on October 30, 2007.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:49 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/16 4:17 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Hon. Shawn Murphy

Meeting No. 2

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Meeting No. 2

Thursday, November 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Dawn Black for David Christopherson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence published when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three members are present, including one member of the opposition.

It was agreed, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), that the committee undertake the following studies:

- Chapter 1 and 2, Expenditure Management System at the Government Centre and in Departments of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada;
- Chapter 11, Protection of Public Assets—Office of the Correctional Investigator of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada;
- Chapter 3, Large Information Technology Projects of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada;
- Chapter 7, Management of Forensic Laboratory Services of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada;
- Chapter 5, Passport Services—Passport Canada of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada;
- Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space—Place Victoria of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada;

• Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration—Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada; and

That the evidence and documentation received by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts during the First Session of the 39th Parliament in relation to its studies of:

- Chapter 1 and 2, Expenditure Management System at the Government Centre and in Departments of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada;
- Chapter 11, Protection of Public Assets—Office of the Correctional Investigator of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada;
- Chapter 3, Large Information Technology Projects of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada;
- Chapter 7, Management of Forensic Laboratory Services of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada;
- Chapter 5, Passport Services—Passport Canada of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada;
- Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space—Place Victoria of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada; and
- Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration—Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada

be taken into consideration by the Committee in this session.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 11, Protection of Public Assets - Office of the Correctional Investigator of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/29 4:13 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 2007 referred to the Committee on October 17, 2007.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and John Williams.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Irene Mathyssen for David Christopherson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Marian McMahon, Principal; Michael Pickup, Principal; Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General.

Treasury Board Secretariat:

Bill Matthews, Acting Executive Director, Financial Management and Analysis Sector, Office of the Comptroller General; Rodney Monette, Interim Comptroller General; John M. Morgan, Assistant Comptroller General, Financial Management and Analysis Sector, Office of the Comptroller General.

Department of Finance:

Paul Rochon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and John Williams.

Acting Members present: Irene Mathyssen for David Christopherson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Marian McMahon, Principal; Michael Pickup, Principal; Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General. Treasury Board Secretariat: Bill Matthews, Acting Executive Director, Financial Management and Analysis Sector, Office of the Comptroller General; Rodney Monette, Interim Comptroller General; John M. Morgan, Assistant Comptroller General, Financial Management and Analysis Sector, Office of the Comptroller General. Department of Finance: Paul Rochon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 2007 referred to the Committee on October 17, 2007.

Sheila Fraser and Rodeny Monette made statements and, with the other witnesses answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent the Committee agreed to wave the notice requirement for the following motions:

On motion of David Sweet, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts of the Second session of the 39th Parliament do commend, in alphabetical order, Staff Sergeant Mike Frizzell, Staff Sergeant Ron Lewis, Chief Superintendent Fraser Macaulay, Ms. Denise Revine, Assistant Commissioner Bruce Rogerson, and, Staff Sergeant Steve Walker;

For their continued efforts to expose the mismanagement of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police pension and insurance plan administration in the face of great personal and professional hardship;

For their unwavering commitment to justice and accountability;

For their dedication to ensure the Royal Canadian Mounted Police remain a cherished national symbol, with the full confidence of both its members and the Canadian public;

And for their embodiment of the core values of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police: integrity, honesty, professionalism compassion, respect and accountability;

And that this motion be reported to the House.

On motion of John Williams, it was agreed, — That the Chair write a letter of congratulations to the Chairman of the United Kingdom House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts on the occasion of that committee's 150th anniversary.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/20 4:11 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Hon. Shawn Murphy

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, November 22, 2007

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Meeting No. 4

Thursday, November 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Hon. Navdeep Bains for Mark Holland and Rick Dykstra for Mike Lake.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Jack Stilborn, Analyst; Jean Dupuis, Analyst. House of Commons: Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel; Gregory Tardi, Senior Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of the follow-up on past Public Account Committee recommendations.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts has the honour to present its FIRST REPORT

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, November 19, 2007, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. That on November 20, 2007 the Committee hold a meeting on the Public Accounts of Canada;
- 2. That on November 22, 2007 the Committee hold a meeting on a follow-up on the Public Accounts Committee recommendations and that they examine testimony for possible contempt of Parliament;
- 3. That on November 27, 2007 the Committee hold a meeting to consider the RCMP Report;
- 4. That on November 29, 2007 the Committee hold a meeting to consider the RCMP Report and other reports.

- 5. That the Committee write a letter to the Deputy Ministers indicating the Committee's intention to call them to explain why they haven't yet responded to a letter from the Chair, dated August 20, 2007, regarding the government's responses to recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee;
- 6. That the Committee write to Justice Canada requesting they share any analysis they have on the Statutory Authority of Deputy Ministers;
- 7. That the Committee write a letter to the Office of the Privy Council indicating the Committee's intention to call the Clerk of the Office of the Privy Council to the Committee to explain why it has not yet responded to the Chair's letter of June 20, 2007 regarding its knowledge about the contents of Claude Boulay's bank account.

Respectfully submitted,

SHAWN MURPHY

Chair

It was agreed, — That the report on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Committee authorize the Chair to write a letter to Barbara George outlining her discrepancies in her previous testimony before the Committee, and that she be called to the Committee to explain them.

It was agreed, — That Chief Superintendent Paulson, of the RCMP, be called before the Committee to affirm his report.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/04 2:35 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Hon. Shawn Murphy

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Yasmin Ratansi for Hon. Charles Hubbard.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst; Marcia Jones, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(*g*), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/20 9:43 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, November 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Charles Hubbard,

and Gerald Keddy for John Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lydia Scratch, Analyst;
Marcia Jones, Analyst.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, November 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Charles Hubbard and Gerald Keddy for John Williams.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Marcia Jones, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 10:52 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:52 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Borys Wrzesnewskyj moved, — That Superintendent Denis Constant, the former executive officer in former RCMP Commissioner Zaccardelli's office, and also retired Chief Superintendent Wayne Watson appear as witnesses before the Committee.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

On motion of Pierre Poilievre, it was agreed, — That the Chairman develop questions, present them, in the form of a letter, to Superintendent Denis Constant, the former executive officer in former RCMP Commissioner Zaccardelli's office, and to retired Chief Superintendent Wayne Watson, and instruct them to provide the Committee with a response to the questions within one week of receipt of the letter.

At 11:00 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:00 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/29 3:11 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Hon. Shawn Murphy

Meeting No. 7

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Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in camera at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

The Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts has the honour to present its SECOND REPORT

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, November 26, 2007, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. That the committee agree to the following schedule:
 - December 4, Chapter 9, November 2006 Auditor General's Report (RCMP):
 - December 6, Chapter 9, November 2006 Auditor General's Report (RCMP):
 - December 11, Barbara George hearings;
 - December 13, October 2007 Auditor General's Chapters;
- 2. That the Committee study the following chapters of the Auditor General's October 2007 report in the following order:
 - Chapter 4, Military Health Care National Defence;

- Chapter 5, Keeping the Border Open and Secure Canada Border Services Agency;
- Chapter 1, Safeguarding Government Information and Assets in Contracting;
- 3. That, on behalf of the Committee, the Chair send a letter to Barbara George calling her to appear before the committee on December 11th to explain her previous testimony before the Committee;
- 4. That Committee staff assist Barbara George and / or her legal counsel in accessing all relevant Committee documents related to her previous testimony before the Committee;
- 5. That the practice of the Public Accounts Committee, when seeking a response from a government department, be to address its correspondence to the Minister and copy the Deputy Minister, and highlight the usual practice that it is generally the Deputy Minister who answers on behalf of the department when responding to requests from the Public Accounts Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

SHAWN MURPHY

Chair

It was agreed, — That the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

It was agreed, — That RCMP Commissioner William Elliot be called to explain his decision to reinstate Barbara George to her position as Deputy Commissioner, prior to the Public Accounts Committee being able to report on the matter of Barbara George's previous testimony to the Committee.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/20 10:02 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Vice-Chair: David Sweet.

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, December 6, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Jean-Yves Laforest, Cheryl Gallant for John Williams, Hon. Joe McGuire for Hon. Shawn Murphy, Hon. John McKay for Hon. Charles Hubbard, Louis Plamondon for Jean-Yves Laforest, and Hon. Bryon Wilfert for Hon. Charles Hubbard.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

> Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 8

Thursday, December 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Vice-Chair, David Sweet, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Jean-Yves Laforest, Cheryl Gallant for John Williams, Hon. Joe McGuire for Hon. Shawn Murphy, Hon. John McKay for Hon. Charles Hubbard, Louis . Plamondon for Jean-Yves Laforest and Hon. Bryon Wilfert for Hon. Charles Hubbard.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 9, Pension and Insurance Administration - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Restoring the honor of the RCMP: Addressing Problems in the Administration of the RCMP's Pension and Insurance Plans.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee make the necessary arrangements for a press conference to be held on after the tabling of the Committee's report to the House on Restoring the honor of the RCMP: Addressing Problems in the Administration of the RCMP's Pension and Insurance Plans; and that Committee be represented by the Chair and representatives from the Conservative Party, the Bloc Québécois, and the New Democratic Party.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting or supplementary opinion from the Bloc Québcois that it is no more than 2 pages in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, in both official languages no later than 4:00 p.m., on Friday, December 7, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting or supplementary opinion from the New Democratic Party that it is no more than 2 pages in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, in both official languages no later than 4:00 p.m., on Friday, December 7, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting or supplementary opinion from the Liberal Party that it is no more than 2 pages in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, in both official languages no later than 4:00 p.m., on Friday, December 7, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting or supplementary opinion from the Conservative Party that it is no more than 2 pages in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, in both official languages no later than 4:00 p.m., on Friday, December 7, 2007.

At 12:07 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:08 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Borys Wrzesnewskyj, it was agreed, — That the Committee thank the researchers for the tremendous job they have done on this particular report, and that this motion be reported to their supervisors.

At 12:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/07 11:29 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the motion of the Committee of November 22, 2007 - consideration of Barbara George's previous testimony.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon, Garth Turner for Hon, Charles Hubbard.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lydia Scratch, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

House of Commons:
Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

WITNESSES:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:
William Elliott, Commissioner;
Barbara George, Deputy Commissioner.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Hon. Garth Turner for Hon. Charles Hubbard.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst. *House of Commons*: Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

Witnesses: Royal Canadian Mounted Police: William Elliott, Commissioner; Barbara George, Deputy Commissioner.

Pursuant to the motion of the Committee of November 22, 2007 - consideration of Barbara George's previous testimony.

Barbara George made a statement.

At 9:47 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:48 a.m., the sitting resumed.

William Elliott made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:44 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/20 10:29 a.m.



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Chair: Hon. Shawn Murphy

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Meeting No. 10

Thursday, December 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Other Members present: Hon. Geoff Regan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst. House of Commons: Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

Pursuant to the motion of the Committee of November 22, 2007 - The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the previous testimony of Barbara George.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/20 10:36 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the motion of the Committee of November 22, 2007 - consideration of Barbara George's previous testimony.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barry Devolin for John Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:
Steven Chaplin, Acting Principal Parliamentary Counsel (Legal).

Library of Parliament:
Lydia Scratch, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 11:01 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Barry Devolin for John Williams.

In attendance: House of Commons: Steven Chaplin, Acting Principal Parliamentary Counsel (Legal). Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Pursuant to the motion of the Committee of November 22, 2007 - consideration of Barbara George's previous testimony.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:38 p.m., the sitting proceeded in public.

Pierre Poilievre moved, — That the Committee call additional witnesses, namely Ralph Goodale, Jean-Marc Bard, Janice Cochrane, Gary Polachek, and Alfonso Gagliano into its study on the leasing of Place Victoria, as described in Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space, of the May 2006 Status Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Debate arose thereon.

Charles Hubbard moved, — That the debate be now adjourned.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Mark Holland, Charles Hubbard, Borys Wrzesnewskyj — 3; NAYS: David Christopherson, Barry Devolin, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet — 8.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Pierre Poilievre, — That the committee call additional witnesses, namely Ralph Goodale, Jean-Marc Bard, Janice Cochrane, Gary Polachek, and Alfonso Gagliano into its study on the leasing of Place Victoria, as described in Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space, of the May 2006 Status Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: David Christopherson, Barry Devolin, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet — 8; NAYS: Mark Holland, Charles Hubbard, Borys

Wrzesnewskyj — 3.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/01/30 2:10 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, January 31, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Chapter 4, Military Health Care - National Defence of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Epp for John Williams.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Stoffer

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lydia Scratch, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General;
Wendy Loschiuk, Principal.

Department of National Defence:

Walter Semianiw, Chief of Military Personnel; Hilary Jaeger, Commander Canadian Forces Health Services Group, Director General of Health Services and Canadian Forces Surgeon General.

> Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 12

Thursday, January 31, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for John Williams.

Other Members present: Peter Stoffer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General; Wendy Loschiuk, Principal. Department of National Defence: Walter Semianiw, Chief of Military Personnel; Hilary Jaeger, Commander Canadian Forces Health Services Group, Director General Health Services and Canadian Forces Surgeon General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 4, Military Health Care - National Defence of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Sheila Fraser and MGen Walter Semianiw made statements and with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:05 p.m. David Sweet took the Chair.

At 12:08 p.m. Shawn Murphy took the Chair.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/01/31 3:55 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Chapter 5, Keeping the Border Open and Secure -Canada Border Services Agency of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mark Holland,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Marcel Lussier,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Louis Plamondon for Jean-Yves Laforest.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canada Border Services Agency:
Alain Jolicoeur, President.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General.

Canada Border Services Agency:
Cathy Munroe, Director General, Programs and Operational Services Directorate;
Stephen Rigby, Executive Vice-President.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Gordon Stock, Principal.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Louis Plamondon for Jean-Yves Laforest.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canada Border Services Agency: Alain Jolicoeur, President. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General. Canada Border Services Agency: Cathy Munroe, Director General, Programs and Operational Services Directorate; Stephen Rigby, Executive Vice-President. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Gordon Stock, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 5, Keeping the Border Open and Secure -Canada Border Services Agency of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Hugh McRoberts and Alain Jolicoeur made statements and with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/05 1:40 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 14

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Meeting No. 14

Thursday, February 7, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: House of Commons: Steve Chaplin, Legal Counsel. *Library of Parliament*: Jean Dupuis, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst; Jack Stilborn, Analyst.

Pursuant to the motion of the Committee of November 22, 2007 - consideration of Barbara George's previous testimony.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: "The Testimony of Deputy Commissioner Barbara George before the Public Accounts Committee".

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee prepare and issue a press release following the presentation of the report in the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Departmental answers to questions about government responses (39th Parliament).

At 12:01 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:05 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Third Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, February 4, 2008, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That the Committee study Chapter 5, Auditor General Report (October 2007) - "Keeping the Border Open and Secure" on February 5, 2008;

- 2. That the Committee consider the draft report of Barbara George and consider other draft reports on February 7, 2008;
- 3. That the Committee consider draft reports on February 12, 2008;
- 4. That the Committee consider draft reports on February 14, 2008;
- 5. That the Committee study Chapter 1, Auditor General Report (October 2007) "Safeguarding Government Information and Assets in Contracting" on February 26, 2008;
- 6. That the Committee consider draft reports on February 28, 2008;
- 7. That the Committee study Chapter 7, Auditor General Report (May 2006) "Acquisition of Leased Office Space (Place Victoria)" on March 4, 2008;
- 8. That the Committee study Chapter 7, Auditor General Report (May 2006) "Acquisition of Leased Office Space (Place Victoria)" on March 6, 2008;
- 9. That the Committee study Chapter 3, Auditor General Report (October 2007) "Inuvialuit Final Agreement" on March 11, 2008;
- 10. That the Committee study Chapter 4, Auditor General Report (February 2007) "Managing the Coast Guard Fleet and Marine Navigational Services Fisheries and Oceans Canada" on March 13, 2008;
- 11. That the Committee direct the Clerk to contact the relevant witnesses for the study on Place Victoria;
- 12. That the Committee direct the analysts to review the upcoming February 2008 Auditor General's Report and make recommendations of Chapters for possible consideration; and
- 13. That the Committee consider a motion to invite Passport Canada to provide information on government responses further to the Chair's letter of August 2007.

It was agreed, — That the report on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

At 12:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/10 10:59 a.m.

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Chair: Shawn Murphy.

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Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Derek Lee for Mark Holland.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean Dupuis, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst; Jack Stilborn, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Departmental answers to questions about government responses (39th Parliament).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 1, Expenditure Management System at the Government Centre and Chapter 2 Expenditure Management System in Departments of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the draft report on Chapter 1, "Expenditure Management System at the Government Centre" and Chapter 2, "Expenditure Management System in Departments" of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Expenditure Management System at the Government Centre and Expenditure Management System in the Departments.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee issue a news release upon the tabling of the Report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 11, "Protection of Public Assets - Office of the Correctional Investigator" of the November 2006 Report

of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the draft report on Chapter 11, "Protection of Public Assets - Office of the Correctional Investigator" of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Protection of Public Assets - Office of the Correctional Investigator.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee issue a news release upon the tabling of the Report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 3, "Large Information Technology Projects" of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

At 12:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, February 14, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Departmental answers to questions about government responses (39th Parliament).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 3, Large Information Technology Projects, of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Chapter 5, Passports Services of the February 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Chapter 7, Management of Forensic Laboratory Services of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Marcel Lussier. Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rob Anders for John Williams, and Colin Mayes for Mike Lake.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

Lydia Scratch.

Library of Parliament:

Alex Smith, Analyst; Jack Stilborn, Analyst.

> Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 16

Thursday, February 14, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for John Williams and Colin Mayes for Mike Lake.

In attendance: Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts: Lydia Scratch. *Library of Parliament:* Alex Smith, Analyst; Jack Stilborn, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Departmental answers to questions about government responses (39th Parliament).

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Departmental answers to questions about government responses (39th Parliament).

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release on the report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3, Large Information Technology Projects, of the November 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Large Information Technology Projects.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government

table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release on the report.

At 11:22 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:22 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

John Williams moved, — That in the interest of accountability, the Auditor General of Canada be requested to select two departmental performance reports at random each year and audit them in accordance with the criteria set out in chapter one of the May '03 report of the Auditor General and report same to Parliament.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the motion, in the form of a report, to the House.

At 11:37 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:38 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 5, Passports Services of the February 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 7, Management of Forensic Laboratory Services of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

At 12:56 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:56 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pierre Poilievre moved, — That the committee alter the schedule such that the meeting of March 4th on Chapter 7 of the A-G's May 2006 report be instead held on February 28th, the meeting of March 6th on the same subject be moved to March 4th, and that the meeting dealing with draft reports on February 28th be moved to March 6th.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Rob Anders, Brian Fitzpatrick, Colin Mayes, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet — 5; NAYS: David Christopherson, Mark Holland, Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Marcel Lussier, Borys Wrzesnewskyj — 6.

Pierre Poilievre moved, — That Jean-Marc Bard be summoned to the Committee on March 6, 2008, at

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11 a.m., to give evidence on the Committee's study of chapter 7 of the Auditor General's May 2006 report.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Rob Anders, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Marcel Lussier, Colin Mayes, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, Borys Wrzesnewskyj — 11; NAYS: — 0.

At 1:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/18 11:18 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Chapter 1, Safeguarding Government Information and Assets in Contracting of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mark Holland,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Marcel Lussier,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lydia Scratch, Analyst;

Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada.

Treasury Board Secretariat:

Ken Cochrane, Chief Information Officer.

Department of Public Works and Government Services:
Gerry Deneault, Director General, Industrial Security Sector;
François Guimont, Deputy Minister.

Department of National Defence:
Glynne Hines, Chief of Staff - Assistant Deputy Minister,
Information Management;
Dave Shuster, Director - Deputy Provost Marshal, Security;
Scott Stevenson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Infrastructure and Environment.

Defence Construction Canada:

Ross Nicholls, President and Chief Executive Officer.



Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada. Treasury Board Secretariat: Ken Cochrane, Chief Information Officer. Department of Public Works and Government Services: Gerry Deneault, Director General, Industrial Security Sector; François Guimont, Deputy Minister. Department of National Defence: Glynne Hines, Chief of Staff - Assistant Deputy Minister, Information Management; Dave Shuster, Director - Deputy Provost Marshal, Security; Scott Stevenson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Infrastructure and Environment. Defence Construction Canada: Ross Nicholls, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 1, Safeguarding Government Information and Assets in Contracting of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Sheila Fraser, François Guimont, Ross Nicholls, Scott Stevenson and Ken Cochrane made statements and with other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 1:16 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:16 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Chair presented the Fourth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts has the honour to present its FOURTH REPORT

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, February 25, 2008, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. That the Committee hear from Alfonso Gagliano via video-conference on March 6th, 2008;
- 2. That the Clerk utilize the services of a locator firm to locate Jean-Marc Bard;

- 3. That the Committee consider how to proceed in addressing the leak of elements of the Barbara George report;
- 4. That the accounting officer responsible for the Canadian Revenue Agency be called to the Committee in April to provide the Committee with the information it requested in a letter from the Chair in August 2007.
- 5. That the Committee study Chapter 4, Auditor General (May 2007) Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada on April 1, 2008;
- 6. That the Committee consider Draft Reports on April 3, 2008;
- 7. That the Committee study Chapter 5, Auditor General (May 2007)— Managing the Delivery of Legal Services to Government Department of Justice Canada on April 8, 2008;
- 8. That the Committee consider Draft Reports on April 10, 2008;
- 9. That the Committee study Chapter 3, Auditor General (May 2007)—Human Resources Management Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (May 2007) on April 15, 2008;
- 10. That the Committee consider Draft Reports on April 17, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

SHAWN MURPHY

Chair

On motion of Charles Hubbard, it was agreed, — That the report on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

At 1:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/27 10:08 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, February 28, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Chapter 5, Passports Services of the February 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Chapter 7, Management of Forensic Laboratory Services of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 2007 referred to the Committee on October 17, 2007.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Chapter 4, Military Health Care - National Defence of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Crête for Jean-Yves Laforest.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.



Meeting No. 18

Thursday, February 28, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Paul Crête for Jean-Yves Laforest.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 5, Passports Services of the February 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the draft report as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Chapter 5, Passports Services - Passport Canada of February 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release on the report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 7, Management of Forensic Laboratory Services of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Chapter 7, Management of Forensic Laboratory Services - Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government

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table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release on the report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada 2007 referred to the Committee on October 17, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Public Accounts of Canada 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, - That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release on the report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 4, Military Health Care - National Defence of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 12:53 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:54 p.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts approuve an operational budget of \$4,050 for its study of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Place Victoria).

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/29 3:15 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mark Holland,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Marcel Lussier,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Janice Cochrane;

Gary E. Polachek.



Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: Janice Cochrane; Gary E. Polachek.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

Janice Cochrane made statement and with the other witness, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Borys Wrzesnewskyj moved, — As the Auditor General's report of October 2008, Chapter 4 noted that 75% of soldiers who had reported mental health problems or disorders did not receive sufficient help; and Brigadier General Hilary Jaeger noted in her testimony that 27% of returning soldiers from Afghanistan have mental health issues ranging from substance abuse to depression and post-traumatic stress disorder; therefore the Public Accounts Committee calls upon the Auditor General to do an audit of the military health care provided to returning soldiers from operations in Afghanistan, with a special emphasis on the 27% screened to have significant mental health issues.

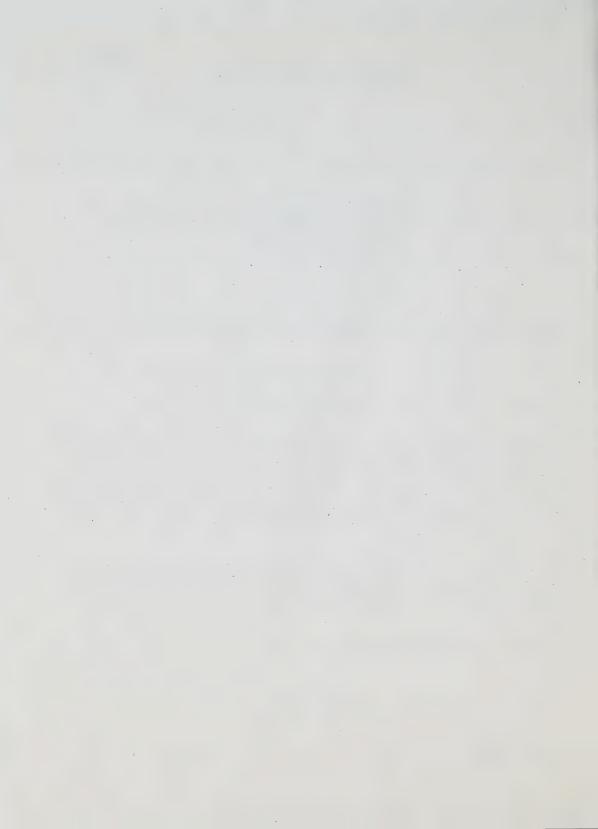
Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: David Christopherson, Mark Holland, Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Marcel Lussier, Borys Wrzesnewskyj — 6; NAYS: Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams — 5.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/04 2:30 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 20

Thursday, March 6, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and John Williams.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Crête for Marcel Lussier, Larry Miller for Brian Fitzpatrick, and Hon. Andrew Telegdi for Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lydia Scratch, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Hon. Alfonso L. Gagliano.

House of Commons:
Hon. Ralph Goodale, Wascana.



Meeting No. 20

Thursday, March 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met by videoconference at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 214, Wellington Building, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and John Williams.

Acting Members present: Paul Crête for Marcel Lussier, Larry Miller for Brian Fitzpatrick and Hon. Andrew Telegdi for Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Hon. Alfonso L. Gagliano. House of Commons: Hon. Ralph Goodale, Wascana.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

Hon. Alfonso L. Gagliano made statement and answered questions.

At 12:02 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:04 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Hon. Ralph Goodale made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/06 2:39 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Chapter 3, Inuvialuit Final Agreement of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Marcel Lussier,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Bevington for David Christopherson, Denis Lebel for John Williams, and Brian Murphy for Mark Holland.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lydia Scratch, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Frank Barrett, Principal;
Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Michel Roy, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Claims and Indian Government;

Terry Sewell, Director General, Implementation Branch;
Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister.



Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Dennis Bevington for David Christopherson, Denis Lebel for John Williams and Brian Murphy for Mark Holland.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Frank Barrett, Principal; Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Michel Roy, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Claims and Indian Government; Terry Sewell, Director General, Implementation Branch; Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 3, "Inuvialuit Final Agreement" of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Ronnie Campbell and Michael Wernick made statements and, with other witnesses answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pierre Poilievre moved, — That the committee schedule a meeting with Ralph Goodale and Don Boudria in relation to its study of Chapter 7 of the Auditor-General's May 2006 report.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words "Ralph Goodale" with the words "Claude Drouin".

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the committee schedule a meeting with Claude Drouin and Don Boudria in relation to its study of Chapter 7 of the Auditor-General's May 2006 report.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, Borys Wrzesnewskyj — 8; NAYS: Charles Hubbard, Brian Murphy, John Williams — 3.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/11 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, March 13, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Chapter 4, Managing the Coast Guard Fleet and Marine Navigational Services - Fisheries and Oceans Canada of the February 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mark Holland,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Marcel Lussier,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rick Dykstra for Mike Lake.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lydia Scratch, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Fisheries and Oceans:

George Da Pont, Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard; Michelle d'Auray, Deputy Minister; Charles Gadula, Deputy Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
John Wiersema, Deputy Auditor General;
John O'Brien, Principal.



Meeting No. 22

Thursday, March 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Rick Dykstra for Mike Lake.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Fisheries and Oceans: George Da Pont, Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard; Michelle d'Auray, Deputy Minister; Charles Gadula, Deputy Commissioner. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: John Wiersema, Deputy Auditor General; John O'Brien, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 4, "Managing the Coast Guard Fleet and Marine Navigational Services - Fisheries and Oceans Canada" of the February 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

John Wiersema, Michelle d'Auray and George Da Pont made statements and, with other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Borys Wrzesnewskyj moved, — On February 4, 2008, the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance, admitted that he violated Treasury Board guidelines in awarding a contract to Hugh MacPhie for work provided in relation to Budget 2007; Furthermore, Access to Information requests have shown that the Minister of Finance has offered untendered contracts valued at \$24,900 to Conservative Party supporters in order to by-pass Treasury Board guidelines requiring public tender for contracts valued at \$25,000; Despite these violations, the Honourable Vic Toews, President of the Treasury Board has taken no actions to sanction the Minister of Finance; and It is therefore proposed that pursuant to Standing Order 108 (1), the Public Accounts Committee call the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Vic Toews, President of the Treasury Board, Rob Wright, Deputy Minister of Finance, Wayne Wouters, Secretary of the Treasury Board, Hugh MacPhie and Sara Beth Mintz to appear as witnesses in order to further study these violations of Treasury Board guidelines.

Debate arose thereon.

Jean-Yves Laforest moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words "Furthermore, Access to Information requests have shown that the Minister of Finance has offered untendered contracts valued at \$24,900 to Conservative Party supporters in order to by-pass Treasury Board guidelines requiring public tender for contracts valued at \$25,000;" with the words "Moreover, information obtained under the Access to Information Act shows that the Minister of Finance has awarded a number of contracts worth between \$24,000 and \$24,900, just under the amount at which

contracts must be tendered, without a competitive process;"

That the motion be amended by deleting the words "Despite these violations, the Honourable Vic Toews, President of the Treasury Board has taken no actions to sanction the Minister of Finance; and"

That the motion be amended by replacing the words "It is therefore proposed that pursuant to Standing Order 108 (1), the Public Accounts Committee call the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Vic Toews, President of the Treasury Board, Rob Wright, Deputy Minister of Finance, Wayne Wouters, Secretary of the Treasury Board, Hugh MacPhie and Sara Beth Mintz to appear as witnesses in order to further study these violations of Treasury Board guidelines" with the words "The Public Accounts Committee has asked the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Vic Toews, Treasury Board President, Rob Wright, Deputy Minister of the Department of Finance, Wayne Wouters, Secretary of the Treasury Board, Hugh MacPhie and Sara Beth Mintz to appear before it in order for the Committee to look into these practices, which appear to be inconsistent with Treasury Board guidelines".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Jean-Yves Laforest and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 0.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the motion be amended and now reads as follows: On February 4, 2008, the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finances, admitted that he had broken Treasury Board guidelines by awarding a government contract to Hugh MacPhie for work on the 2007 budget; Moreover, information obtained under the Access to Information Act shows that the Minister of Finance has awarded a number of contracts worth between \$24,000 and \$24,900, just under the amount at which contracts must be tendered, without a competitive process; The Public Accounts Committee has asked the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Vic Toews, Treasury Board President, Rob Wright, Deputy Minister of the Department of Finance, Wayne Wouters, Secretary of the Treasury Board, Hugh MacPhie and Sara Beth Mintz to appear before it in order for the Committee to look into these practices, which appear to be inconsistent with Treasury Board guidelines.

Pierre Poilievre moved, — That the amended motion be amended by deleting the words "the Honourable Vic Toews, Treasury Board President".

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Pierre Poilievre and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

On February 4, 2008, the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finances, admitted that he had broken Treasury Board guidelines by awarding a government contract to Hugh MacPhie for work on the 2007 budget; Moreover, information obtained under the Access to Information Act shows that the Minister of Finance has awarded a number of contracts worth between \$24,000 and \$24,900, just under the amount at which contracts must be tendered, without a competitive process; The Public Accounts Committee has asked the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Rob Wright, Deputy Minister of the Department of Finance, Wayne Wouters, Secretary of the Treasury Board, Hugh MacPhie and Sara Beth Mintz to appear before

it in order for the Committee to look into these practices, which appear to be inconsistent with Treasury Board guidelines. .

John Williams moved, — That the amended motion be amended by deleting the words "the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Hugh MacPhie and Sara Beth Mintz".

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of John Williams and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

At 1:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/14 3:07 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Chapter 4, Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mark Holland,
Hon. Charles Hubbard,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Marcel Lussier,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Miller for Mike Lake.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lydia Scratch, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Yaprak Baltacioglu, Deputy Minister.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Raymond Kunze, Director;
Andrew Lennox, Assistant Auditor General.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Nada Semaan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch.

Andrew Lennon and Yaprak Baltacioglu made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.



Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Larry Miller for Mike Lake.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Yaprak Baltacioglu, Deputy Minister. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Raymond Kunze, Director; Andrew Lennox, Assistant Auditor General. Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Nada Semaan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 4, Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Andrew Lennon and Yaprak Baltacioglu made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Fifth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, March 31, 2008, to consider Committee business and agreed to make the following recommendations:

That on April 29, 2008, the Committee hear from the Auditor General on the Main Estimates, the Performance Reports and on Plans and Priorities;

That on May 1st, 2008, Mr. Kevin Page, Parliamentary Budget Officer, appears before the Committee;

That on May 6, 2008, the Committee meet informally with the Auditor General prior of the tabling of the Auditors General's Report;

That on May 8, 2008, the Committee meet with the Auditor General to discuss her Report;

That on May 13, 2008, the Committee hold a three hour meeting on the untendered contracts by Finance Canada;

That on May 15, 2008, the Committee considers draft reports;

That the committee provide the chair with the discretion to schedule a meeting on the security of government documents, in light of the discovery of sensitive DND documents in a garbage bin;

That the committee provide the chair with the discretion to schedule a meeting on chapters 8, 9, 10 of the Environment Commissioner's March 2008 Report.

It was agreed, — That the Fifth report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be adopted.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/01 2:06 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 24

Thursday, April 3, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Wallace for Pierre Poilievre.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lydia Scratch, Analyst;

Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individual:

Hon. Claude Drouin; Jean-Marc Bard; Hon. Don Boudria.

Hon. Don Boudria et Hon. Claude Drouin made statements and answered questions.



Meeting No. 24

Thursday, April 3, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met by videoconference at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 214, Wellington Building, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Mike Wallace for Pierre Poilievre.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individual: Hon. Claude Drouin; Jean-Marc Bard; Hon. Don Boudria.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

Jean-Marc Bard made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:58 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:00 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Hon. Don Boudria et Hon. Claude Drouin made statements and answered questions.

At 1:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/03 2:30 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Chapter 5, Managing the Delivery of Legal Services to Government - Department of Justice Canada of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General; Gordon Stock, Principal, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada, Justice.

Department of Justice:

John H. Sims, Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney General of Canada; Yves Côté, Associate Deputy Minister;

Terrance McAuley, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Management Sector.



Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Hon. Charles Hubbard, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General; Gordon Stock, Principal, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada, Justice. Department of Justice: John H. Sims, Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney General of Canada; Yves Côté, Associate Deputy Minister; Terrance McAuley, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Management Sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 5, "Managing the Delivery of Legal Services to Government - Department of Justice Canada" of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Sheila Fraser and John H. Sims made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:46 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:48 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 34,977.00, for the annual Conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees to be held in Whitehorse, Yukon, from Sunday, September 7, through Tuesday, September 9, 2008 be adopted.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/15 10:23 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, April 10, 2008

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 26

Thursday, April 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Mauril Bélanger, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Chris Warkentin for Pierre Poilievre.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 4, "Military Health Care - National Defence" of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 5, "Keeping the Border Open and Secure -Canada Border Services Agency" of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 12:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/15 10:26 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Chapter 3, Human Resources Management - Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

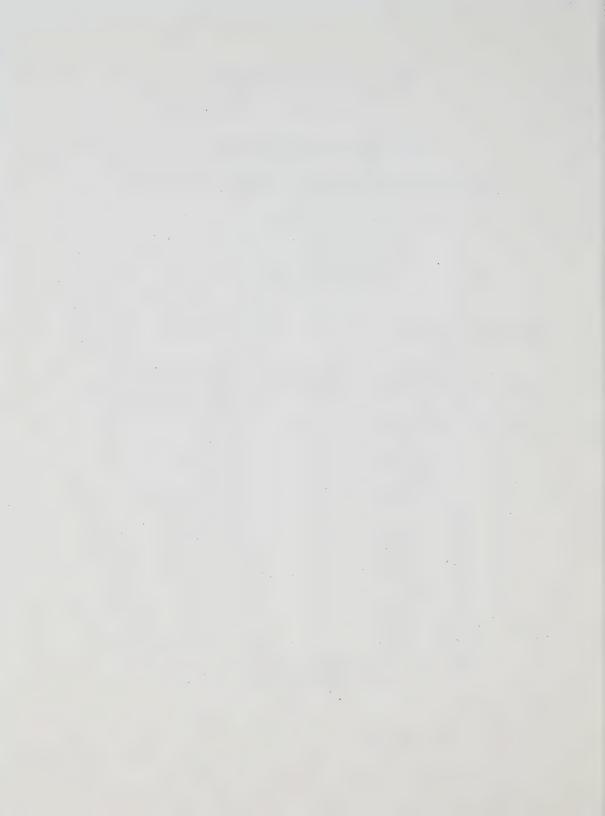
Hon. Mauril Bélanger, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dawn Black for David Christopherson, and Nathan Cullen for David Christopherson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:





Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Mauril Bélanger, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Dawn Black for David Christopherson and Nathan Cullen for David Christopherson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General; Marie Bergeron, Principal, Human Resources Management Audits; Paul Morse, Principal, Sustainable Development Strategies, Audits and Studies. Department of Foreign Affairs: Leonard J. Edwards, Deputy Minister; Michael Small, Assistant Deputy Minister, Human Resources. Treasury Board Secretariat: Hélène Laurendeau, Assistant Secretary, Labour Relations and Compensation Operations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 3, "Human Resources Management - Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada" of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Sheila Fraser, Leonard J. Edwards and Hélène Laurendeau made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/16 2:14 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, April 17, 2008

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 28

Thursday, April 17, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in camera at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Mauril Bélanger, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyi.

Acting Members present: Ed Fast for John Williams, Thomas J. Mulcair for David Christopherson, Louis Plamondon for Marcel Lussier and Robert Vincent for Jean-Yves Laforest.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 4, "Military Health Care - National Defence" of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Military Health Care - National Defence.

It was agreed, - That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, - That the Clerk of the Committee prepare and issue a press release following the presentation of the report in the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 5, "Keeping the Border Open and Secure - Canada Border Services Agency" of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 4, "Managing the Coast Guard Fleet and Marine Navigational Services - Fisheries and Oceans" Canada of the February 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Managing the Coast Guard Fleet and Marine Navigational Services - Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee prepare and issue a press release following the presentation of the report in the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Sixth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, April 14, 2008, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. That on May 1, 2008 the Committee hear from Kevin Page, Parliamentary Budget Officer, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; that the Committee consider Chapter 10, Management Tools and Government Commitments Greening of Government Operations (March 2008) from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.;
- 2. That the Committee hold a meeting with outside experts on the role of the Parliamentary Budget Officer; and that the Chair have discretion to schedule such a meeting;
- 3. That on May 13, 2008, on the study of Selected Finance Canada Contracts, the Committee hear from Rob Wright and Wayne Wouters from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; that the Committee hear from Sarah Beth Mintz and Hugh MacPhie from 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.; and that the Committee hear from Minister Flaherty from 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.;
- 4. That on June 17, 2008 the Committee consider the May 2008 Auditor General's report (Chapter to be determined);
- 5. That with respect to the Committee's follow-up process for government responses, the Chair send a letter to PassPort Canada seeking clarifications from their last response to the Committee;
- 6. That the Committee take note of Jack Stilborn's latest briefing note on the Committee's follow-up process for government responses, entitled: "Departmental Answers to Questions about Government Responses (39th Parliament)";
- 7. That the Public Accounts Committee endorse, without any financial commitment, the Canadian Comprehensive Audit Foundation's (CCAF) study entitled: "Good Practices Study on Communications between Civil Servants and Legislative Committees."

Mark Holland moved, — That the Sixth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be amended in point three by replacing the words "That on May 13, 2008, on the study of Selected Finance Canada Contracts, the Committee hear from Rob Wright and Wayne Wouters from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; that the Committee hear from Sarah Beth Mintz and Hugh MacPhie from 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.; and that the Committee hear from Minister Flaherty from 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m."; with "That on

May 13, 2008, on the study of Selected Finance Canada Contracts, the Committee hear from Rob Wright and Wayne Wouters from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; that the Committee hear from Sarah Beth Mintz and Hugh MacPhie from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and that the Committee hear from Minister Flaherty from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.".

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Mark Holland and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6: NAYS: 5.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

The Sixth Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, as amended, read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, April 14, 2008, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. That on May 1, 2008 the Committee hear from Kevin Page, Parliamentary Budget Officer, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; that the Committee consider Chapter 10, Management Tools and Government Commitments - Greening of Government Operations (March 2008) from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.;
- 2. That the Committee hold a meeting with outside experts on the role of the Parliamentary Budget Officer; and that the Chair have discretion to schedule such a meeting;
- 3. That on May 13, 2008, on the study of Selected Finance Canada Contracts, the Committee hear from Rob Wright and Wayne Wouters from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; that the Committee hear from Sarah Beth Mintz and Hugh MacPhie from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and that the Committee hear from Minister Flaherty from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.;
- 4. That on June 17, 2008 the Committee consider the May 2008 Auditor General's report (Chapter to be determined):
- 5. That with respect to the Committee's follow-up process for government responses, the Chair send a letter to PassPort Canada seeking clarifications from their last response to the Committee;
- 6. That the Committee take note of Jack Stilborn's latest briefing note on the Committee's follow-up process for government responses, entitled: "Departmental Answers to Questions about Government Responses (39th Parliament)";
- 7. That the Public Accounts Committee endorse, without any financial commitment, the Canadian Comprehensive Audit Foundation's (CCAF) study entitled: "Good Practices Study on Communications between Civil Servants and Legislative Committees."

At 12:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee 2008/06/27 4:23 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-2009: Vote 15 under FINANCE, and Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities and Departmental Performance Report of the Office of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Mauril Bélanger, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roger Gaudet for Marcel Lussier, and Daniel Petit for John Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lydia Scratch, Analyst;

Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Lyn Sachs, Assistant Auditor General.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Mauril Bélanger, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Roger Gaudet for Marcel Lussier and Daniel Petit for John Williams.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Lyn Sachs, Assistant Auditor General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-2009: Vote 15 under FINANCE, and Part III - Report on Plans and Priorities and Departmental Performance Report of the Office of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

Sheila Fraser made an opening statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That the Treasury Board Secretariat provide the Standing Committee on Public Accounts with a copy of their review of Departments' implementation of recommendations from Auditor General's reports.

The Chair called Vote 15 under FINANCE - AUDITOR GENERAL

Vote 15 under FINANCE - AUDITOR GENERAL carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Vote 15, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under FINANCE - AUDITOR GENERAL to the House.

At 12:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/29 3:20 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 30

Thursday, May 1, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the motion of the Committee of April 17, 2008, the Committee commenced consideration of the Role of the Parliamentary Budget Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 10, Management Tools and Government Commitments - Greening of Government Operations of the March 2008 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Mauril Bélanger, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Comartin for David Christopherson, Roger Gaudet for Jean-Yves Laforest, Wayne Marston for David Christopherson, and David J. McGuinty for Mark Holland.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst;

WITNESSES:

Library of Parliament:

William R. Young, Parliamentary Librarian; Kevin Page, Parliamentary Budget Officer; Sahir Khan, Director of Expenditure and Revenue Analysis.

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Ron Thompson, Interim Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development;

Paul Morse, Principal, Sustainable Development Strategies, Audits and Studies;

David Willey, Director, Sustainable Development Strategies, Audits and Studies.

Public Works and Government Services Canada:

Daphne Meredith, Associate Deputy Minister.

Department of Public Works and Government Services and the Canada Lands Company Limited:

Ellen Burack, Director General, Office of Greening Government Operations.

Department of the Environment:

Ian Shugart, Associate Deputy Minister.

Treasury Board Secretariat:

Daniel Jean, Associate Secretary, Senior Associate Secretary's Office:

Michael Presley, Executive Director, Regulatory Affairs Division.

William R. Young and Kevin Page made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Ron Thompson, Daphne Meredith, Ian Shugart and Daniel Jean made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee





Meeting No. 30

Thursday, May 1, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Mauril Bélanger, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj,

Acting Members present: Joe Comartin for David Christopherson, Roger Gaudet for Jean-Yves Laforest, Wayne Marston for David Christopherson and David J. McGuinty for Mark Holland.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Library of Parliament: William R. Young, Parliamentary Librarian; Kevin Page, Parliamentary Budget Officer; Sahir Khan, Director of Expenditure and Revenue Analysis. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Ron Thompson, Interim Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development; Paul Morse, Principal, Sustainable Development Strategies, Audits and Studies; David Willey, Director, Sustainable Development Strategies, Audits and Studies. Public Works and Government Services Canada: Daphne Meredith, Associate Deputy Minister, Department of Public Works and Government Services and the Canada Lands Company Limited: Ellen Burack, Director General, Office of Greening Government Operations. Department of the Environment: Ian Shugart, Associate Deputy Minister. Treasury Board Secretariat: Daniel Jean, Associate Secretary, Senior Associate Secretary's Office; Michael Presley, Executive Director, Regulatory Affairs Division.

Pursuant to the motion of the Committee of April 17, 2008, the Committee commenced consideration of the Role of the Parliamentary Budget Officer.

William R. Young and Kevin Page made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:01 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:06 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 10, Management Tools and Government Commitments - Greening of Government Operations of the March 2008 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Ron Thompson, Daphne Meredith, Ian Shugart and Daniel Jean made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 2:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee 2008/05/02 9:49 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 31

Thursday, May 8, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the May 2008 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Derek Lee for Mark Holland, Pablo Rodriguez for Hon. Mauril Bélanger, and Mike Wallace for David Sweet.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Mark Watters, Assistant Auditor General;
Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General;
Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 31

Thursday, May 8, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Derek Lee for Mark Holland, Pablo Rodriguez for Hon. Mauril Bélanger and Mike Wallace for David Sweet.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Mark Watters, Assistant Auditor General; Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General; Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of the May 2008 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Borys Wrzesnewskyj moved, — That the Committee request that Auditor General Sheila Fraser table the draft communiqué from the Privy Council Office, which contains the unprecedented attempt by the executive branch of government to vet all communications of the Auditor General, an independent officer of Parliament.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of David Christopherson, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "Parliament", the following: "and that the Auditor General's Office provide the Committee with a briefing note on the PCO communiqué, as they committed to do at the April 29th Committee meeting".

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 2.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Committee request that Auditor General Sheila Fraser table the draft communiqué from the Privy Council Office, which contains the unprecedented attempt by the executive branch of government to vet all communications of the Auditor General, an independent officer of Parliament, and that the Auditor General's Office provide the Committee with a briefing note on the PCO communiqué, as they

committed to do at the April 29th Committee meeting.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/08 3:55 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the motion of the Committee of March 13, 2008, the Committee commenced consideration of Selected Finance Canada Contracts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Charles Hubbard for Mark Holland, Hon. John McCallum for Hon. Mauril Bélanger, and Mike Wallace for David Sweet.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Alex Smith, Analyst;





Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 11:00 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Hon. Charles Hubbard for Mark Holland, Hon. John McCallum for Hon. Mauril Bélanger and Mike Wallace for David Sweet.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance.

Witnesses: Department of Finance: Robert Wright, Deputy Minister. Treasury Board Secretariat: Wayne G. Wouters, Secretary. As individuals: Hugh MacPhie; Sara Beth Mintz.

Pursuant to the motion of the Committee of March 13, 2008, the Committee commenced consideration of Selected Finance Canada Contracts.

Robert Wright and Wayne G. Wouters made statements and answered questions.

At 12:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:01 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Hugh MacPhie and Sara Beth Mintz made statements and answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:03 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 2:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/13 3:32 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 33

Thursday, May 15, 2008

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 33

Thursday, May 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 11:36 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Mauril Bélanger, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Hon. Lawrence MacAulay for Hon. Shawn Murphy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 5, "Keeping the Border Open and Secure - Canada Border Services Agency" of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: "Keeping the Border Open and Secure".

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee prepare and issue a press release following the presentation of the report in the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3, "Inuvialuit Final Agreement" of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Seventh Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

That on May 27, 2008, the Committee hold a meeting on Chapter 1, "Management of Fees in Selected Departments and Agencies" of the May 2008 Report of the Auditor General of Canada;

That on May 29, 2008, the Committee consider draft reports;

That on June 5, 2008, the Committee hold a meeting on Chapter 3, "Oversight of Air Transportation Safety —Transport Canada" of the May 2008 Report of the Auditor General of Canada;

That on June 10, 2008, the Committee consider draft reports;

That on June 12, 2008, the Committee consider draft reports;

That on June 17, 2008, the Committee hold a meeting on Chapter 2, "Support for Overseas Deployments — National Defence" of the May 2008 Report of the Auditor General of Canada;

That on June 19, 2008, the Committee consider draft reports.

At 12:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/27 9:41 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter Management of Fees in Selected Departments and Agencies of the May 2008 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Mauril Bélanger,
David Christopherson,
Brian Fitzpatrick,
Mark Holland,
Jean-Yves Laforest,
Mike Lake,
Marcel Lussier,
Hon. Shawn Murphy,
Pierre Poilievre,
David Sweet,
John Williams
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jean-Claude D'Amours for Hon. Mauril Bélanger.





Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, May 27, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Mauril Bélanger, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Jean-Claude D'Amours for Hon. Mauril Bélanger.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst. *House of Commons*: Roy Cullen, Etobicoke North.

Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Francine Côté, Director General, Corporate Finance, Planning and Systems Bureau; William R. Crosbie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Consular Services and Emergency Management Branch; Stephen Rigby, Associate Deputy Minister. Treasury Board Secretariat: Rodney Monette, Comptroller General of Canada; John M. Morgan, Assistant Comptroller General, Financial Management and Analysis Sector. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Clyde MacLellan, Assistant Auditor General; Douglas Timmins, Assistant Auditor General; Rona Shaffran, Director, Audit Operations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter Management of Fees in Selected Departments and Agencies of the May 2008 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Douglas Timmins, Rodney Monette and Stephen Rigby made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Borys Wrzesnewskyj moved, — That the following individuals be asked to appear before the Committee on Tuesday, June 10 2008, in relation to the Committee's study on 'Selected Finance Canada Contracts':

- Bill Horrigan, Budget Director, Office of the Minister of Finance
- David McLaughlin, former Chief of Staff to Minister Flaherty.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division:YEAS: Jean-Claude D'Amours, Mark Holland, Jean-Yves Laforest, Marcel Lussier, Borys Wrzesnewskyj — 5; NAYS: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mike Lake, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams — 6.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 35

Thursday, May 29, 2008

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 35

Thursday, May 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 11:43 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Mauril Bélanger, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Pat Martin for David Christopherson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3, Inuvialuit Final Agreement of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: "Chapter 3, Inuvialuit Final Agreement of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada".

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee prepare and issue a press release following the presentation of the report in the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 5, Managing the Delivery of Legal Services to Government - Department of Justice Canada of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: "Chapter 5, Managing the Delivery of Legal Services to Government - Department of Justice Canada of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada".

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee prepare and issue a press release following the presentation of the report in the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/30 2:52 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 1, Safeguarding Government Information and Assets in Contracting of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Mauril Bélanger, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and John Williams.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Meili Faille for Marcel Lussier, Hon. Charles Hubbard for Borys Wrzesnewskyj, Richard Nadeau for Jean-Yves Laforest, and Hon. Carol Skelton for Pierre Poilievre.

IN ATTENDANCE:





Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met in a televised session at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Mauril Bélanger, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and John Williams.

Acting Members present: Meili Faille for Marcel Lussier, Hon. Charles Hubbard for Borys Wrzesnewskyj, Richard Nadeau for Jean-Yves Laforest and Hon. Carol Skelton for Pierre Poilievre.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General; Bruce Sloan, Principal. Department of National Defence: Robert Fonberg, Deputy Minister; LGen Walter J. Natynczyk, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff; Scott Stevenson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Infrastructure and Environment; Dan Ross, Assistant Deputy Minister, Materiel; MGen Glynn Hines, Chief of Staff, Office of the Assistant Deputy Minister, Information Management; Col Michael Day, Commander, Canadian Special Operations Forces Command; LCol Dave Shuster, Director, Deputy Provost Marshal Security. Defence Construction Canada: Ross Nicholls, President and Chief Executive Officer.

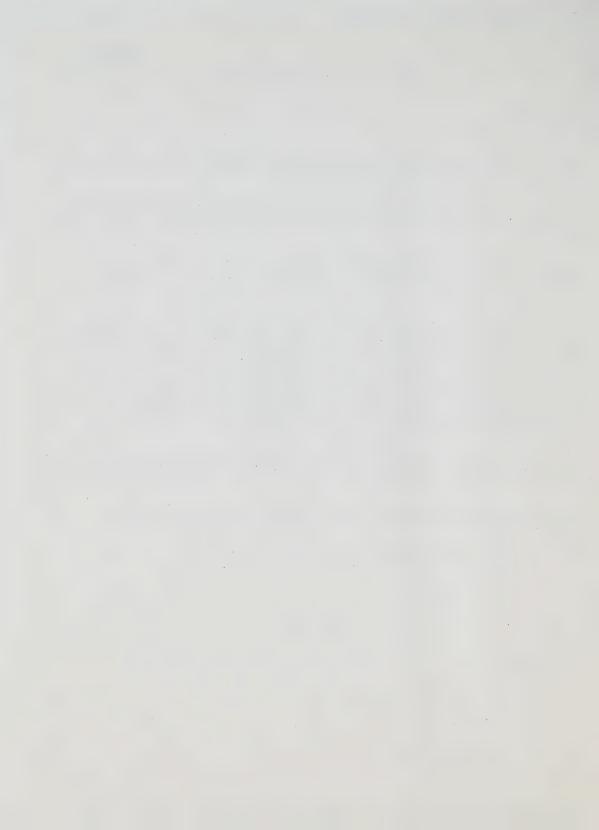
Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 1, Safeguarding Government Information and Assets in Contracting of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Sheila Fraser, Robert Fonberg and Ross Nicholls made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/04 4:27 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 37

Thursday, June 5, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 3, Oversight of Air Transportation Safety - Transport Canada of the May 2008 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Mauril Bélanger, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, David Sweet and John Williams.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Julian for David Christopherson, Gerald Keddy for Pierre Poilievre, Louis Plamondon for Jean-Yves Laforest, and Brent St. Denis for Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Mark Watters, Assistant Auditor General;
Alain Boucher, Principal.

Department of Transport:

Louis Ranger, Deputy Minister; Marc Grégoire, Assistant Deputy Minister, Safety and Security; Merlin Preuss, Director General, Civil Aviation.

Sheila Fraser and Louis Ranger made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Justin Vaive
Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 37

Thursday, June 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Mauril Bélanger, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, David Sweet and John Williams.

Acting Members present: Peter Julian for David Christopherson, Gerald Keddy for Pierre Poilievre, Louis Plamondon for Jean-Yves Laforest and Brent St. Denis for Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Alex Smith, Analyst; Lydia Scratch, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Mark Watters, Assistant Auditor General; Alain Boucher, Principal. Department of Transport: Louis Ranger, Deputy Minister; Marc Grégoire, Assistant Deputy Minister, Safety and Security; Merlin Preuss, Director General, Civil Aviation.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 3, Oversight of Air Transportation Safety - Transport Canada of the May 2008 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Sheila Fraser and Louis Ranger made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:41 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

David Sweet moved, — That the Committee concur in the Comptroller General's request for an endorsement by the Committee for the following waivers to the publication of details related to Ex Gratia payments and Court Award in the 2008 Public Accounts of Canada:

Ex Gratia Payments:

- Merchant Navy Veterans and First Nations Veterans;
- · Heating fuel rebates; and,
- Extraordinary Assistance Plan (Tainted Blood).

Court Payments:

- Agent Orange Program; and,
- Claims related to the Indian Residential Schools System.

And that furthermore, the Committee proposes:

That the 2008 Public Accounts of Canada report the number of payments and the total amount paid under each category and within the range of highest and the lowest payments.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/09 9:20 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 11:35 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Mauril Bélanger, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Daniel Petit for John Williams.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Eighth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, June 9, 2008, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. That on June 10, 2008, the Committee consider the draft report of Chapter 4, Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.; and consider the draft report of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Place Victoria) from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
- 2. That on June 12, 2008, should the Committee not have completed consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Place Victoria), it be considered at 11 a.m.; followed by consideration of the Office of the Auditor General's 2006-07 Departmental Performance Report and the 2008-09 Report on Plans and Priorities; and then Chapter 3, Human Resources Management Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.
- 3. That on September 16, 2008, the Committee commence consideration of Chapter 4, First Nations Child and Family Services Program Indian and Northern Affairs Canada of the May 2008 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.
- 4. That on September 18, 2008, the Committee consider draft reports.
- 5. That on September 23, 2008, the Committee commence consideration of Chapter 5, Surveillance of Infectious Diseases Public Health Agency of Canada of the May 2008 Reprot of the Auditor General of Canada.
- 6. That on September 25, 2008, the Committee consider draft reports.

- 7. That on September 30, 2008, the Committee commence consideration of Chapter 7, Detention and Removal of Individuals Canada Border Services Agency of the May 2008 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.
- 8. That on October 2, 2008, the Committee consider draft reports.
- 9. That on October 7, 2008, the Committee commence consideration of Auditor General's Special Examinations.
- 10. That on October 9, 2008, the Committee consider draft reports.
- 11. That on October 21, 2008, the Committee commence consideration of a study on Performance Pay in the Federal Public Service.
- 12. That on October 23, 2008, the Committee consider draft reports.
- 13. That on June 19, 2008, the Committee call the Accounting Officers for CIDA to account for their lack of response to the Chair's March 13, 2008, letter regarding Government Responses.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 4, Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Chapter 4, Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada of the May 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee prepare and issue a press release following the presentation of the report in the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive

Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/11 12:05 p.m.



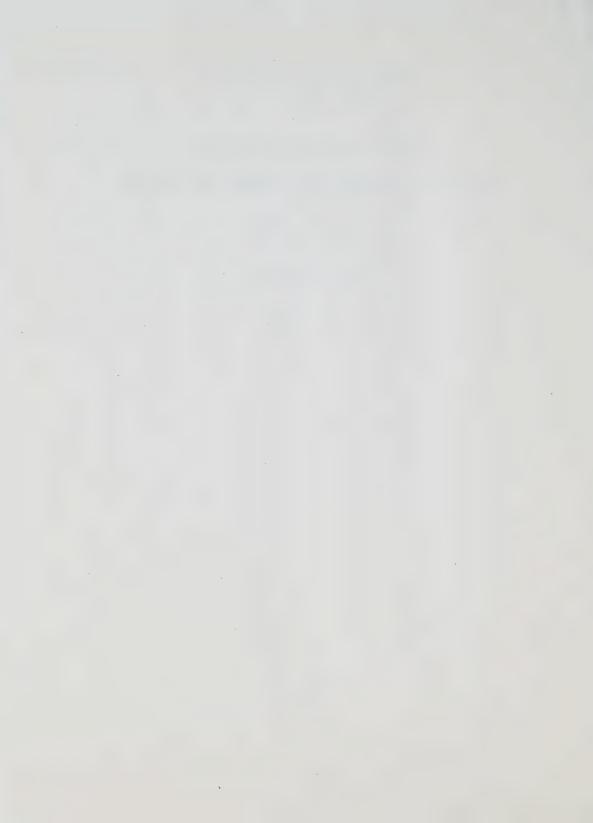
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 39

Thursday, June 12, 2008

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 39

Thursday, June 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 11:38 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Mark Holland, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet'and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Rodger Cuzner for Hon. Mauril Bélanger and Daniel Petit for John Williams.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 7, Acquisition of Leased Office Space of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:05 p.m., by unanimous consent and pursuant to Standing Order 115(5), it was agreed that the Committee continue to sit until 12:25 p.m.

At 12:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/13 4:08 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 2, Support for Overseas Deployments - National Defence of the May 2008 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Charles Hubbard for Mark Holland, and Hon. Carol Skelton for David Sweet.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Lydia Scratch, Analyst;
Alex Smith, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General; Wendy Loschiuk, Assistant Auditor General.

Department of National Defence:

Robert Fonberg, Deputy Minister; LGen Walter J. Natynczyk, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff; Dan Ross, Assistant Deputy Minister (Materiel); MGen Timothy Grant, Deputy Commander, Canadian Expeditionary Force Command; MGen Daniel Benjamin, Commander, Canadian Operational Support Command.

Hugh McRoberts and Robert Fonberg made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met at 11:00 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet, John Williams and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Hon. Charles Hubbard for Mark Holland and Hon. Carol Skelton for David Sweet.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Hugh McRoberts, Assistant Auditor General; Wendy Loschiuk, Assistant Auditor General. Department of National Defence: Robert Fonberg, Deputy Minister; LGen Walter J. Natynczyk, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff; Dan Ross, Assistant Deputy Minister (Materiel); MGen Timothy Grant, Deputy Commander, Canadian Expeditionary Force Command; MGen Daniel Benjamin, Commander, Canadian Operational Support Command.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee commenced consideration of Chapter 2, "Support for Overseas Deployments - National Defence" of the May 2008 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

Hugh McRoberts and Robert Fonberg made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:46 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

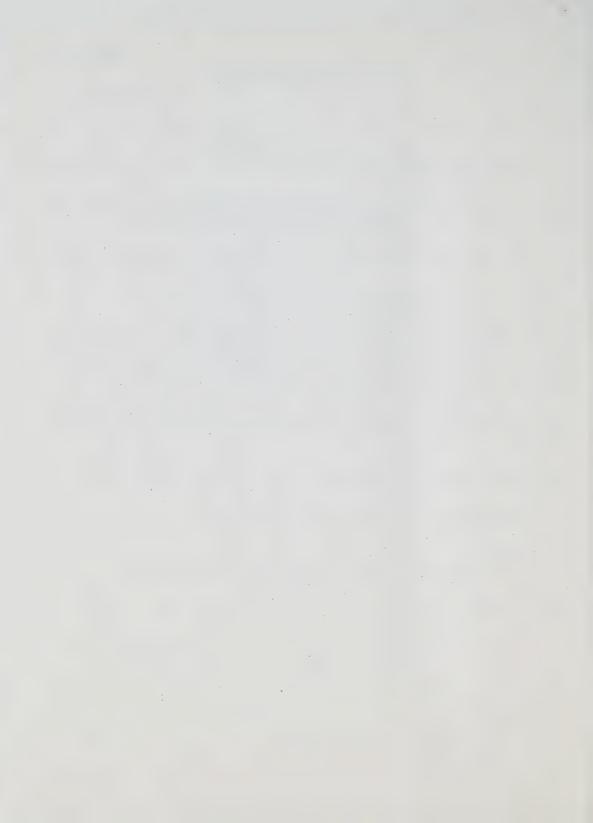
At 12:47 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/17 3:30 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Chair: Shawn Murphy.

Meeting No. 41

Thursday, June 19, 2008

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 41

Thursday, June 19, 2008

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts met *in camera* at 11:26 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Shawn Murphy, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Mauril Bélanger, David Christopherson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jean-Yves Laforest, Mike Lake, Marcel Lussier, Hon. Shawn Murphy, Pierre Poilievre, David Sweet and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Acting Members present: Derek Lee for Mark Holland and Rick Norlock for John Williams.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Lydia Scratch, Analyst; Alex Smith, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(g), the Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 7, "Acquisition of Leased Office Space" of the May 2006 Report of the Auditor General of Canada referred to the Committee on May 16, 2006.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Justin Vaive Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/19 3:00 p.m.







